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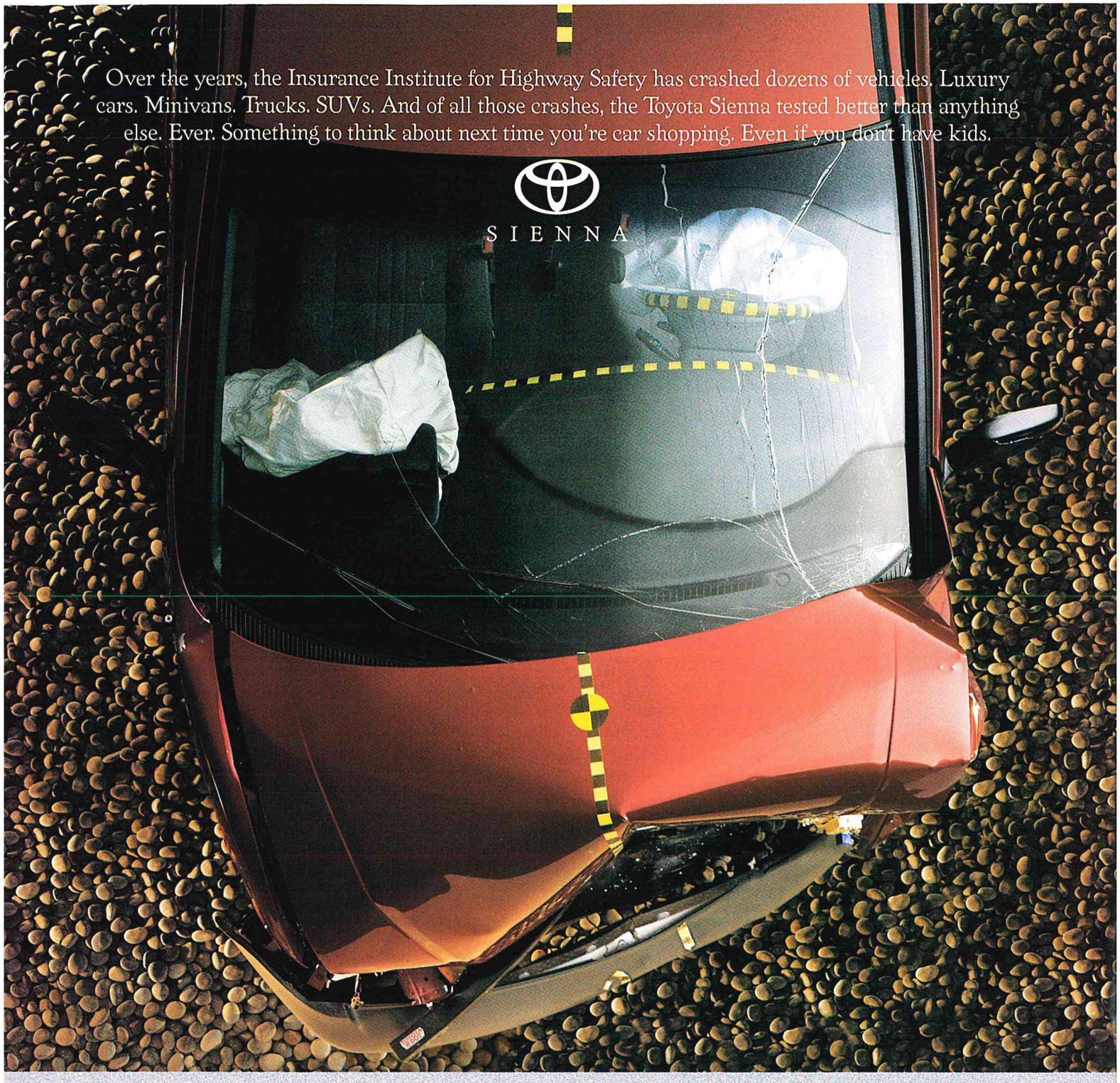
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Building pride in the Mighty Ducks organization is the first step toward a winning tradition

FromTHEpresident

BYPierreGAUTHIER

As I start my first season as president and general manager of the Mighty Ducks, I feel both honored and challenged.

I am honored because here in Anaheim we have a franchise that is held in high regard throughout the NHL. We have a committed ownership, a solid core of offensive players and we play in the most beautiful arena in North America. I also believe we have the game's most loyal fans.

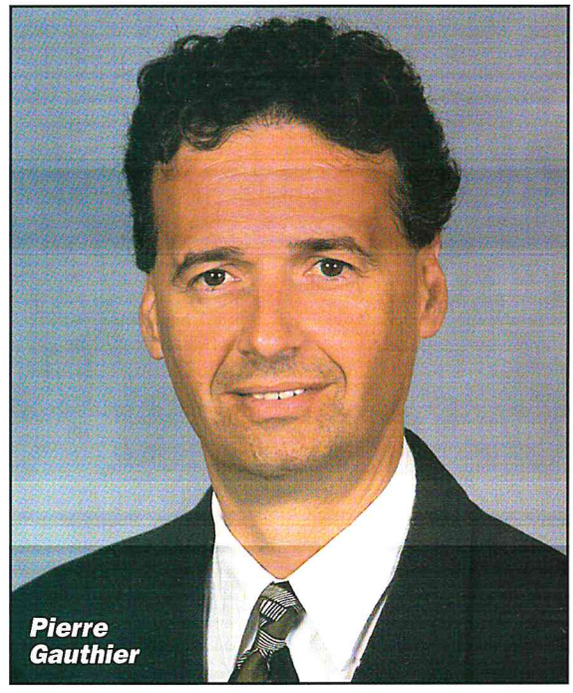
At the same time, I am challenged because I believe it is my responsibility to make sure everyone involved with the Mighty Ducks takes as much pride in the team as I do. That includes our players, coaches, trainers, front office staff and, of course, our fans.

My philosophy for building pride in the Mighty Ducks is really very simple. I believe in having a strong organization and creating an environment that people will want to be a part of. If you treat people right and they're genuinely proud to work for you, they will do a good job and we will all be successful. If we provide a good product for you, the fans, I believe you will continue to be loyal.

As you know, in this day and age, hockey fans are very sophisticated. They can see when you have a solid organization and they can tell when you are making the right decisions for the right reasons. If you have a good plan, are committed to it and execute it well, fans will recognize that fact and they will support you.

Our plan is to build this franchise from within. With the Detroit Red Wings (twice), Colorado Avalanche and New Jersey Devils winning the last four Stanley Cups, it's clear that this is the way to be successful in today's NHL. Trades and free agent signings can be used to round out your team, but the core must come from within your own organization and we will continue to develop our own talent.

Our objective is to get to a level where we can make the playoffs every year. Once we've reached that point, the next step is to get to the place where we are a Stanley Cup contender. Dynasties are almost impossible to establish nowadays, so if you can stay in the top tier of the league on a regular basis, then you have a chance to win the Stanley Cup.



Pierre Gauthier

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It's difficult to say exactly when we will reach our ultimate goal of winning the Stanley Cup, but I do think we can be a competitive team right now. There is so much parity in the NHL today that it doesn't take much to make the jump to the next level. Because of the offensive skill our team possesses, we have the potential to reach the next level in the near future.

In order to expedite the process, it is up to us to see that there is a positive environment created around the team — an environment that ensures our team is able to win. At the same time, we need an environment where our fans are entertained and are proud of their club.

As we work toward achieving our goals, we are committed to making sure we can all take pride in being a part of The Mighty Ducks organization. MD

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DUCKnotes

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During the off-season the Mighty Ducks reached an agreement with XTRA Sports (690 AM), a 77,000-watt all-sports station, to carry all home and away games, including playoff contests.

"We are very pleased to be associated with XTRA," said Pierre Gauthier, Mighty Ducks President and General Manager. "This deal allows us to expand our radio coverage so that all fans of the Mighty Ducks will have the opportunity to listen to our games."

XTRA is part of the second-largest radio group in the country, and is home to USC basketball and football, ESPN and CBS Radio, as well as "Monday Night Football."

"We look forward to the signal strength and promotional support XTRA is going to provide our fans and sponsors," said Bob Wagner, the Ducks vice president of advertising sales and broadcasting.

"We are very happy to establish a relationship with the Mighty Ducks," said XTRA Director of Operations Bill Pugh. "We look forward to many successful years together."

The radio station's signal blankets all of Southern California, and promises to be your source for up-to-the-minute Mighty Ducks news and views.

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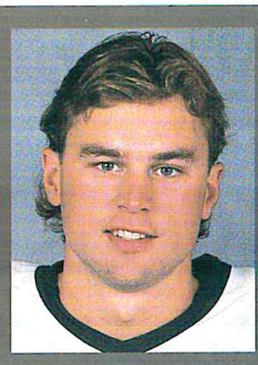

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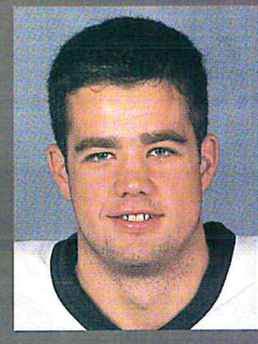


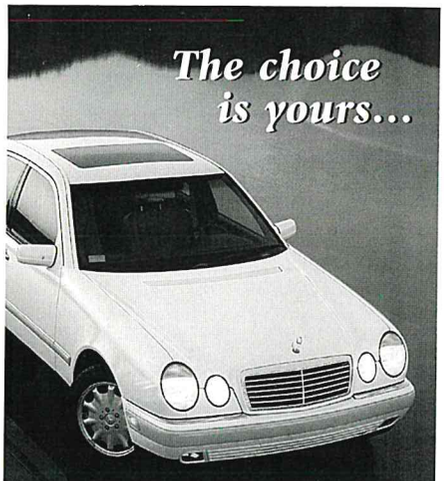
Dan Trebil

No, Mike Crowley and Dan Trebil aren't twins — they don't even look alike. But the two defenseman — who are both on the verge of making the NHL for good — have been around each so much they seem like brothers.

Growing up in Bloomington, Minnesota, Crowley and Trebil played youth hockey together. At Bloomington Jefferson High School, they were defensive partners when Trebil was a senior and Crowley was a sophomore.

At the University of Minnesota, the duo was once again paired up as defensive partners for two years.

When it came time to turn pro, it only seemed natural that they both ended up in the Mighty Ducks organization. After all, it's just not right to split up twins.



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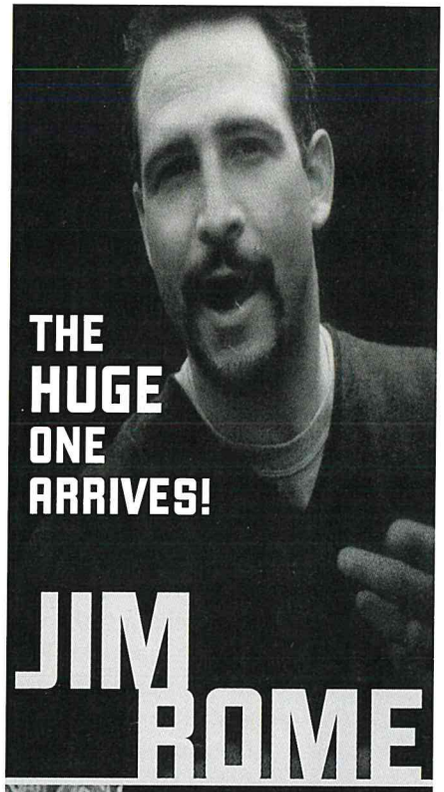

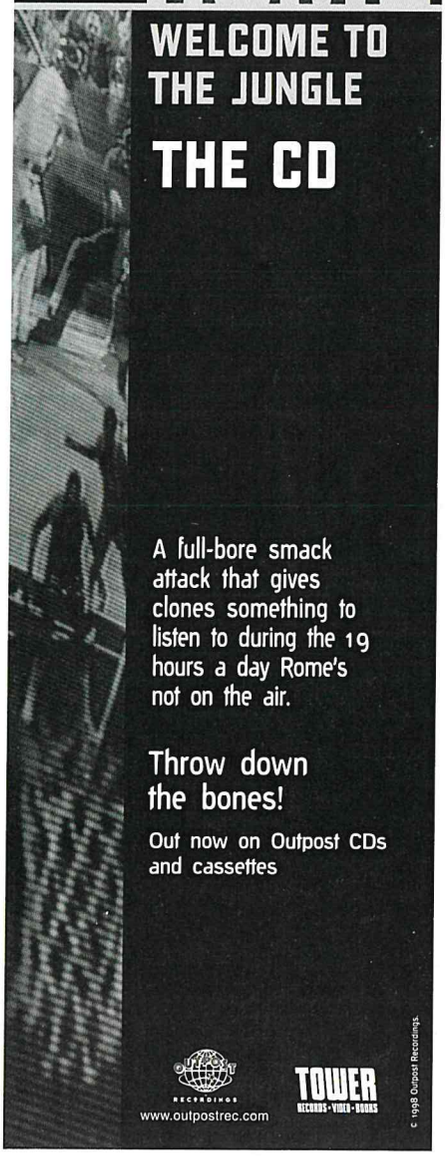
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NHL Notes

Article 99

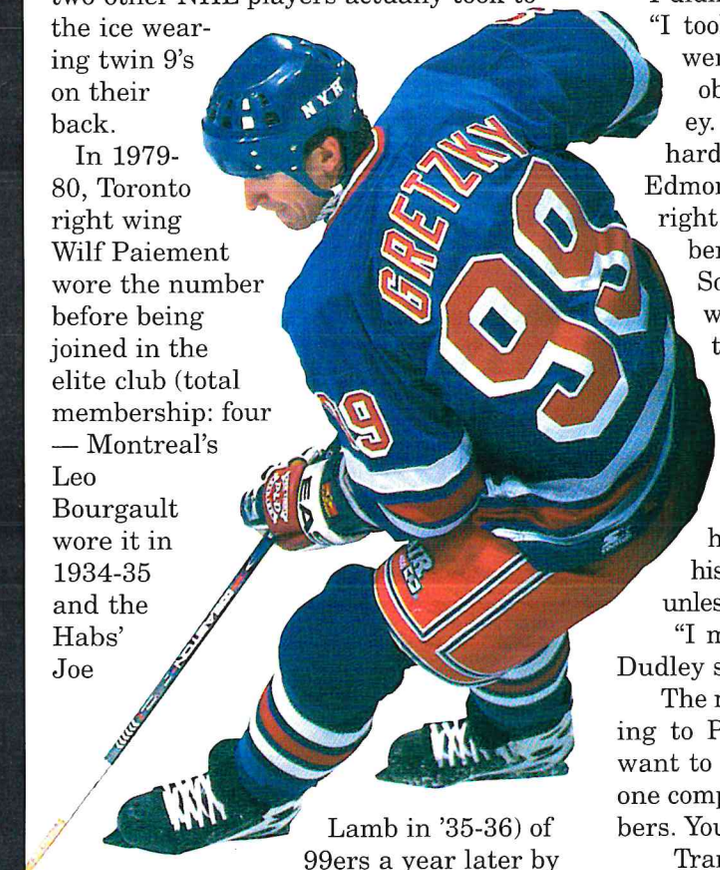
One of the NHL's most sacred unwritten rules involves a certain jersey number

BY Doug WARD

In the NHL, there are almost as many unwritten codes as there are hard and fast rules. A forward doesn't shoot the puck at a goalie after the whistle, a goon never picks a fight with a skill player and, out of respect for Wayne Gretzky, *nobody* even thinks about wearing No. 99 on his jersey.

No player would dare put himself in the position of being compared to The Great One by wearing the number.

But back in the early '80s, when Gretzky was in his prime with Edmonton, two other NHL players actually took to the ice wearing twin 9's on their back.



In 1979-80, Toronto right wing Wilf Paiement wore the number before being joined in the elite club (total membership: four — Montreal's Leo Bourgault wore it in 1934-35 and the Habs' Joe Lamb in '35-36) of 99ers a year later by Winnipeg's Rick Dudley.

Like Gretzky, both Paiement and Dudley grew up idolizing Gordie Howe and wore No. 99 only because Howe's No. 9 was unavailable with their new teams.

"When I got traded from Colorado to Toronto, Dan Maloney had No. 9 with the Leafs," says Paiement, now a 42-year-old real estate agent in Missasauga, Ontario "He was older than me so I wasn't about to ask him to give it up."

Paiement says that it didn't seem like that big a deal at the time. "I was older than Gretzky and the number wasn't as sacred as it is now, I guess."

Though Dudley says he wore the number out of respect for Gretzky, much like he wore No. 9 out of admiration for Howe, not everyone understood his intentions.

"I didn't wear it very long," says Dudley. "I took it off and I'll tell you why. We went to Edmonton and at the time, obviously, Wayne Gretzky *was* hockey. The people there gave me such a hard time about wearing No. 99 in Edmonton that I said, 'Maybe they're right. Maybe I should leave this number alone.'"

So Dudley's days wearing the digit were numbered. "I wore it for about two weeks," he says. "After we went to Edmonton, I said, 'I don't want to wear this number, it's ridiculous."

Today, Dudley, 48, is the general manager of the Ottawa Senators. He has no rules governing the numbers his players can, or cannot wear — unless, of course, someone requests No. 99.

"I might have to sit down with him," Dudley says, "and tell him a little story."

The moral of that story? Simple, according to Paiement. "You can say what you want to about Gretzky," Wilf says, "but no one compares to him. Just look at the numbers. You can't go against the numbers."

Translation: As long as Gretzky rules the numbers, Gretzky's number will always be against the rules. MD

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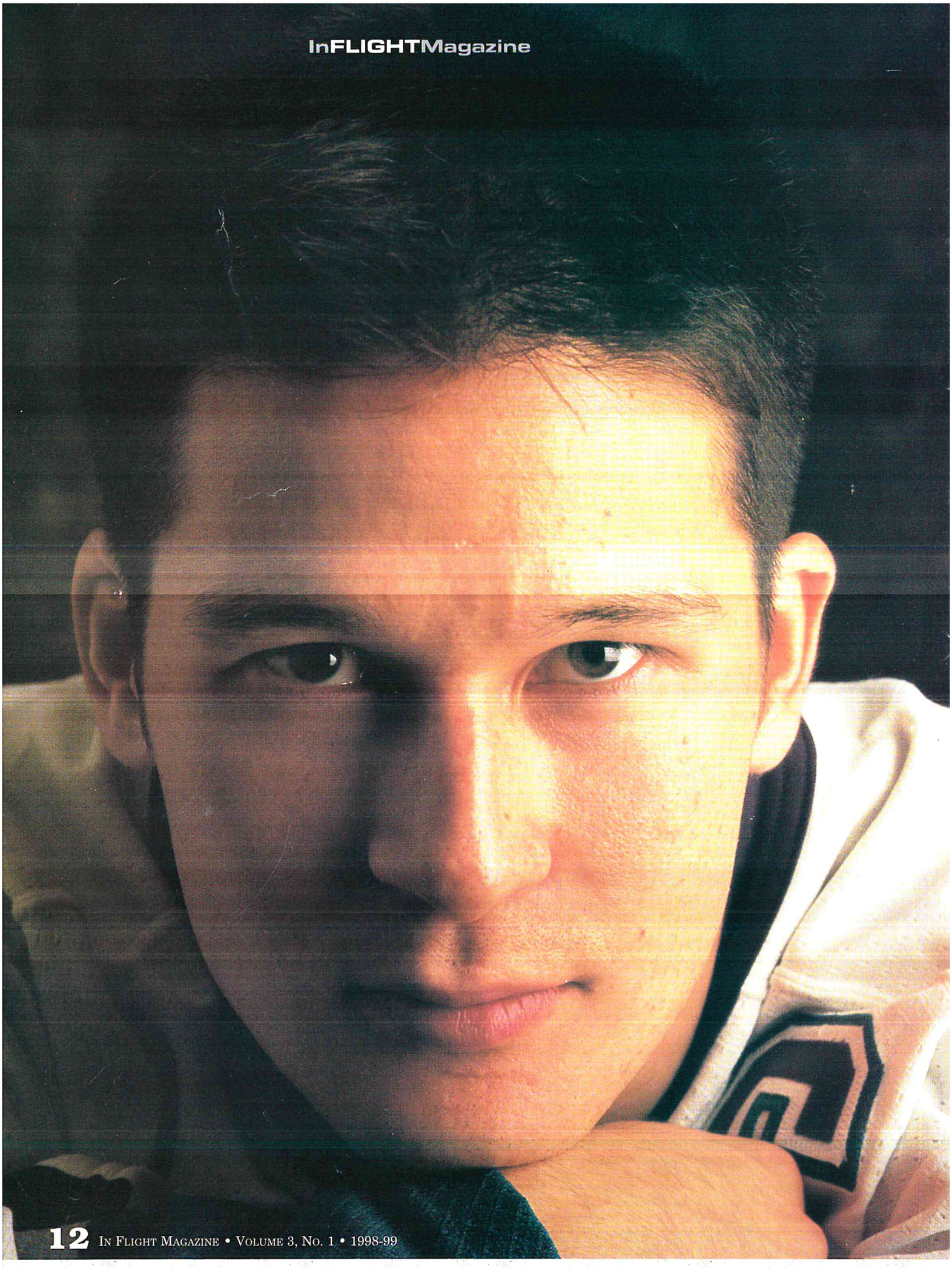

At One With... PAUL KARIYA

He's hockey's most creative player. He's young, talented and getting better. He's healthy. Best of all, Paul Kariya is a Mighty Duck.

By Doug Ward

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In Flight Magazine: How much do you think having everyone here from Day 1 of training camp helps as Craig Hartsburg begins his first year as coach of the Ducks?

Kariya: It helps a lot. We had everyone here from the start, the players and the coaches. Hopefully, the whole organization is on the same page.

In Flight Magazine: Is it particularly exciting to be starting this season after missing the last half of the season last year?

Kariya: It's just exciting to be skating again and be healthy. It's nice to get back. When you start training camp, it's a change from what you've been doing so there's an adjustment period but it's great to be back.

In Flight Magazine: How much skating did you do before you reported to camp?

Kariya: About three or three-and-a-half weeks.

In Flight Magazine: Did you come to the Pond to watch games last season when you weren't playing?

Kariya: Toward the end of the season, yes, I came out and watched the games.

In Flight Magazine: How difficult was that for you — to come out and watch your team without being able to play?

Kariya: Well, at that time, I was just trying to get better. To be honest, that was my main concern and I really wasn't thinking about anything else.

In Flight Magazine: How important was it to start skating again?

Kariya: To start skating again really wasn't that big of a deal. My workouts off the ice were intense so it was just a matter of getting my feet under me. My skating legs were sore for a while, but I really felt good from the start of camp. The three weeks of skating I did before I reported got me just about back to the place I was last year before I was injured. It feels good.

In Flight Magazine: Any apprehension about physical contact on the ice?

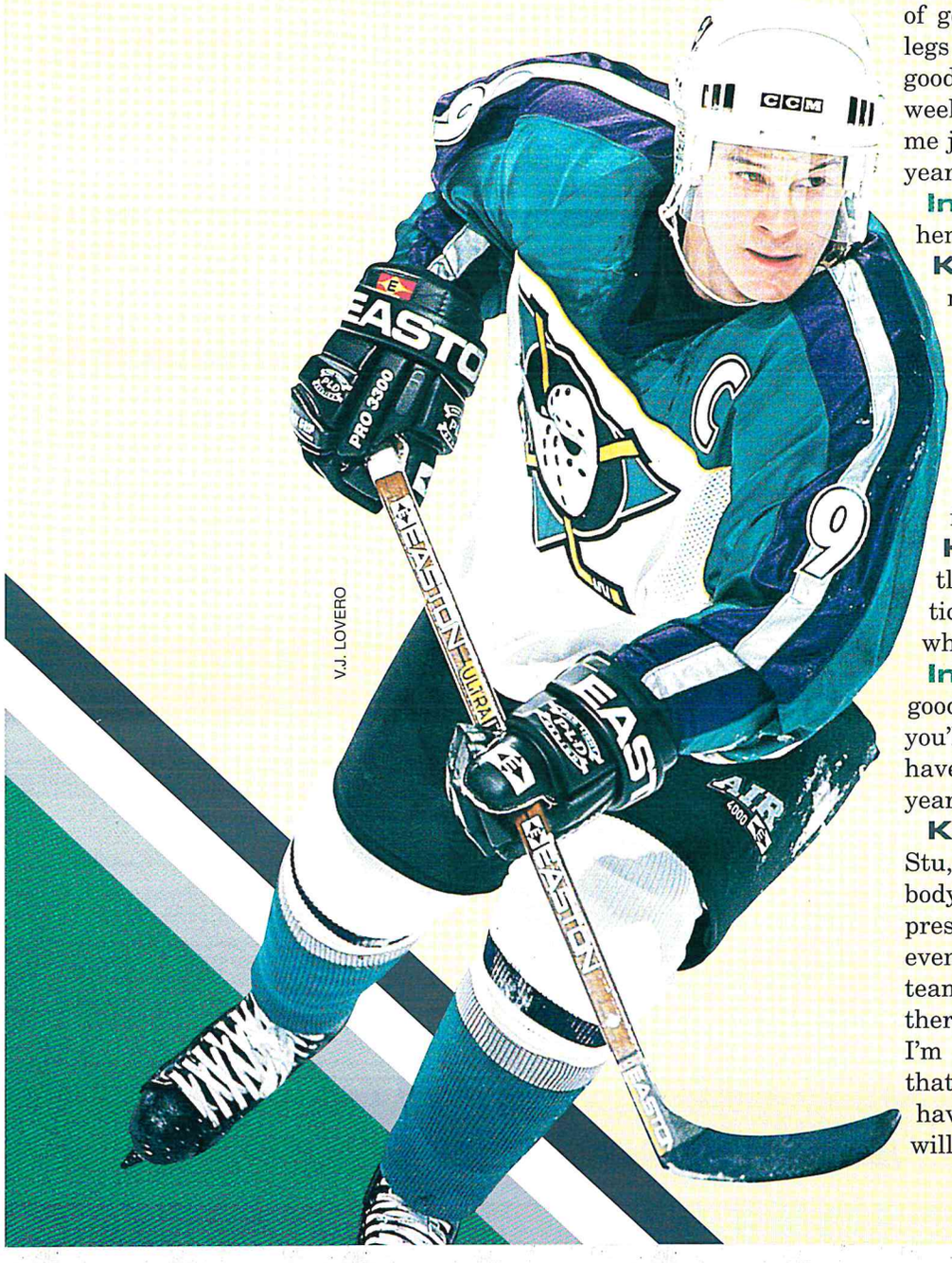
Kariya: No, because there's really nothing to be apprehensive about. Everything is fine. I've done everything I can do to strengthen the areas I can. I have no regrets. There's nothing more I could have done.

In Flight Magazine: Have you thought about what it will be like the first time you take a hit?

Kariya: I've bumped around and jostled with other players already in practice. It's going to be one of those things where if it happens, it happens.

In Flight Magazine: You're very good friends with Dave Karpa so I'm sure you'll miss him, but is it a nice feeling to have Stu Grimson back in the lineup this year?

Kariya: I think when you get a guy like Stu, it adds about 15-20 pounds to everybody on the team. He's an intimidating presence on the ice — he's intimidating even when he's not out there. The other team always knows that his presence is there. Dave is a great friend of mine and I'm going to miss him, but I understand that in order to get somebody like Stu, you have to give something up. I'm sure Dave will do well in Carolina and have a great



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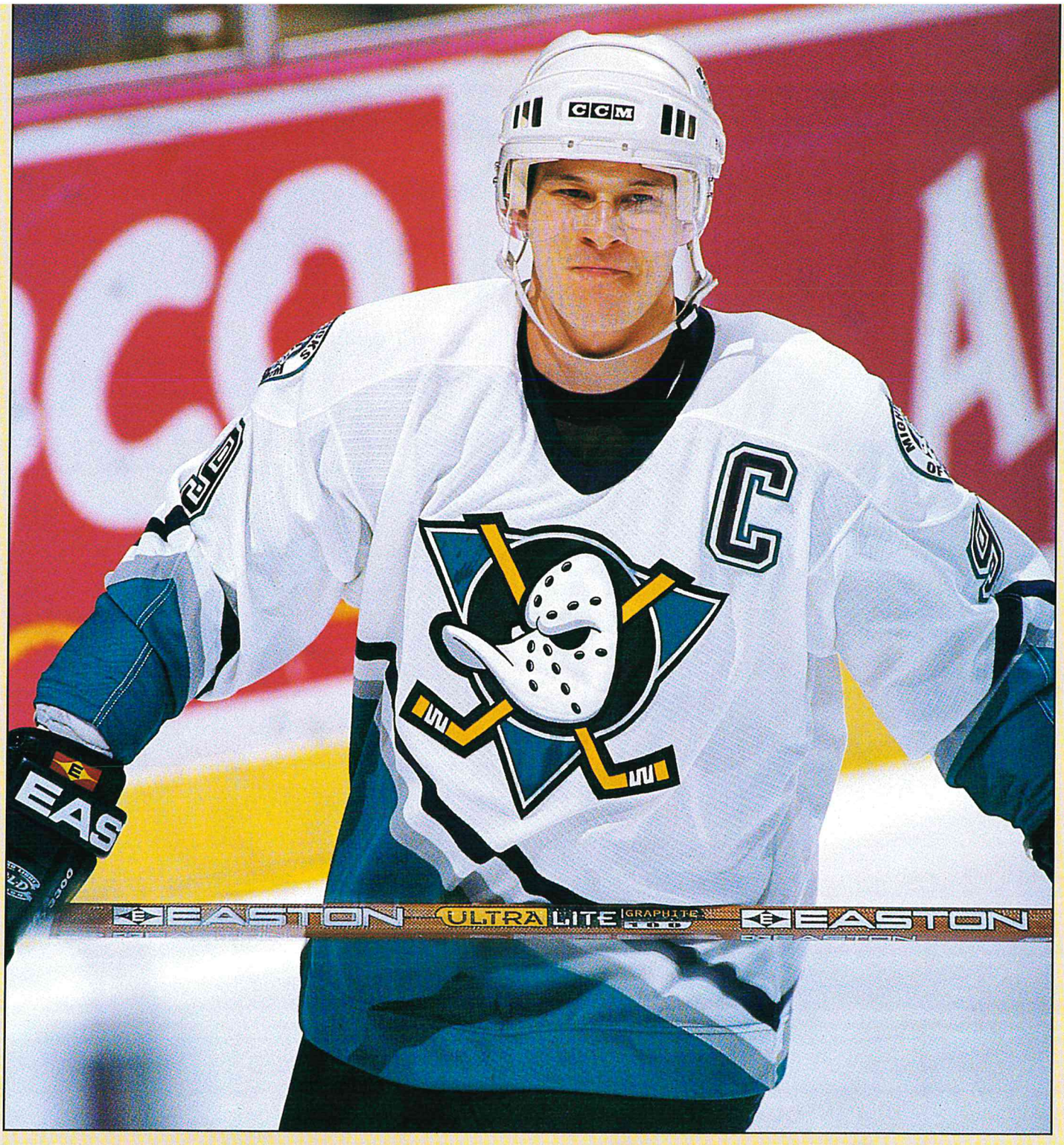

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time there. Besides, with this team you never know — everyone seems to come back.

In Flight Magazine: What will it take for the Ducks to contend for the Stanley Cup.

Kariya: In the NHL now, the important thing is to always be in the playoffs, consistently every year. One year you're going to get a chance because there is so much parity in the league. (Goaltending consultant) François Allaire had a good point —he said the reason Montreal wins all the time is because they're always there. It's just the odds. John Elway was in the Super Bowl five times, so last year there was a good chance that he's going to win it. You have to give yourself a chance.

In Flight Magazine: Do you think it's harder for a team to repeat now than it was, say, back when the Islanders or Oilers won four in a row?

Kariya: You're not going to have one team win it every year. I don't think you're going to see a dynasty in the NHL. Even in basketball, if they break up the Bulls, I think basketball will be like hockey where every year you're going to have a different team win. Detroit has a great team but I was surprised they repeated because it's so tough to do. You go through 10 months of hockey at that level, and then you have to go through it again. Especially in a

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year where half of their team played in the Olympics. That takes a toll on a team — especially an older team. That organization is going to be in the playoffs for the next five years so they are going to have a chance.

In Flight Magazine: When did you start to feel you have recovered from the post-concussion syndrome?

Kariya: I think what really turned it around was the acupuncture. I started taking it the day after the season, from that point forward everything was positive.

In Flight Magazine: When you first began the acupuncture treatments did you think that would be the solution?

Kariya: I didn't think poking needles in me would be the answer. But it was great. Even for a hockey injury, I think it would be great treatment. If I pulled a muscle, I think I'd try it. I felt great every time I came out of a treatment.

In Flight Magazine: So you've become a believer in traditional oriental medicine?

Kariya: It's been around for thousands of years so it must work. In North America it's not really looked upon favorably. In some medical circles everyone says take a pill, that's the North American philosophy. But it worked great for me. It's not painful, just a little prick. I hate needles but I got used to it after a while.

In Flight Magazine: Do you feel any pain when the needles are administered?

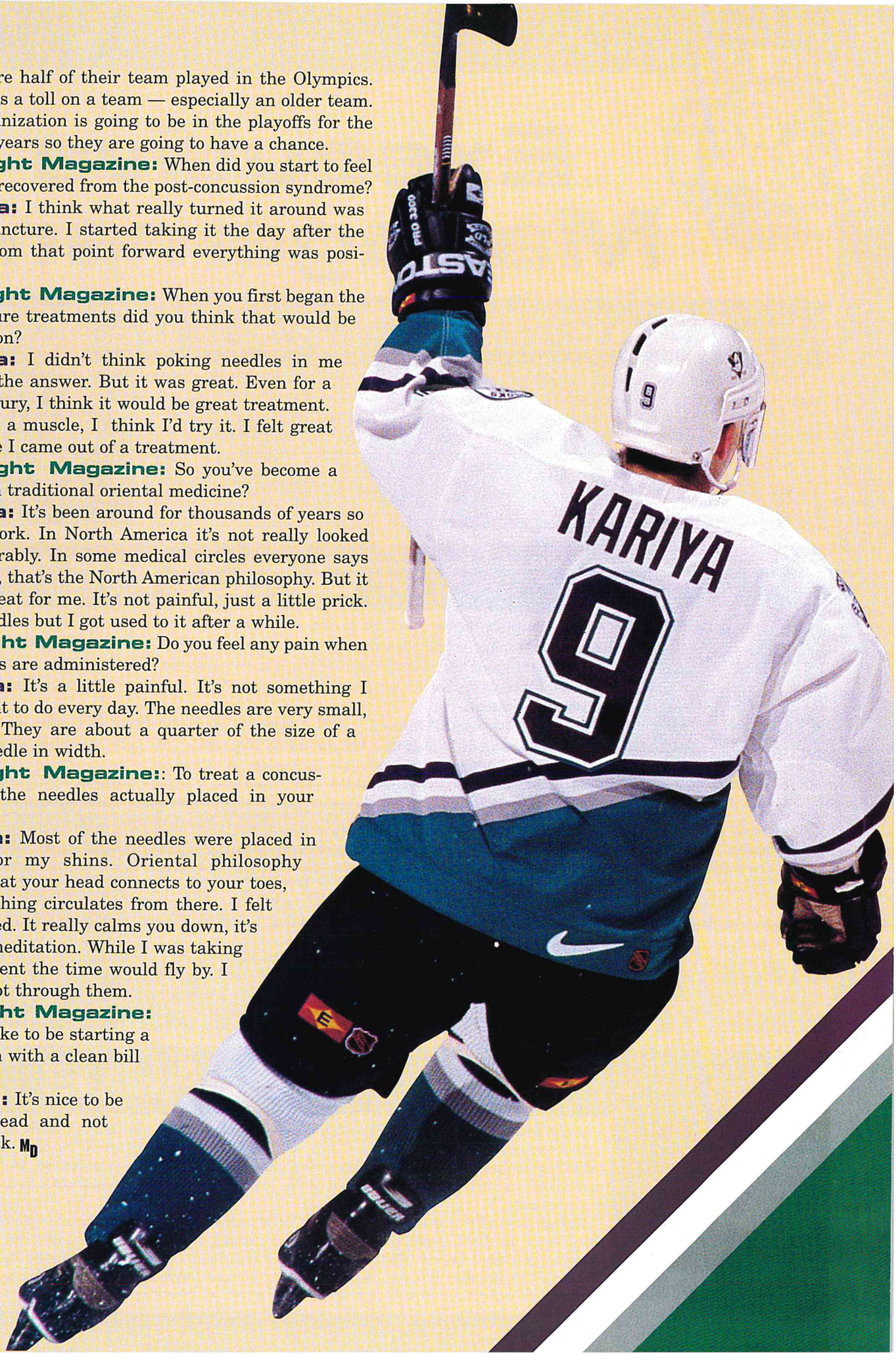
Kariya: It's a little painful. It's not something I would want to do every day. The needles are very small, very fine. They are about a quarter of the size of a sewing needle in width.

In Flight Magazine:: To treat a concussion, are the needles actually placed in your head?

Kariya: Most of the needles were placed in my feet or my shins. Oriental philosophy believes that your head connects to your toes, and everything circulates from there. I felt very relaxed. It really calms you down, it's a lot like meditation. While I was taking the treatment the time would fly by. I almost slept through them.

In Flight Magazine: What's it like to be starting a new season with a clean bill of health?

Kariya: It's nice to be looking ahead and not looking back. MD



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Tony Tavares enters his sixth season with the Mighty Ducks, his first as chairman of the club. He oversees the overall operation of the franchise and is Anaheim's primary representative on the NHL board of governors. Tavares also serves as president of Anaheim Sports, Inc.,which manages both the Mighty Ducks and Major League Baseball's Anaheim Angels.

Tavares came to ASI after serving as a consultant with the Walt Disney Company, helping plan the organization's entry into professional hockey. A graduate of Roger Williams College, Tavares and his wife, Elizabeth, have three children — Sheila, Kristen and Mark. They reside in Villa Park.

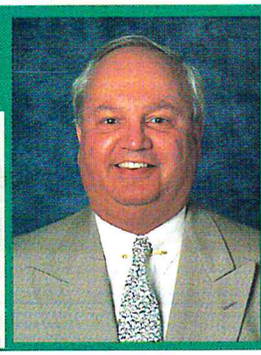
PierreGAUTHIER

President & G.M.

Pierre Gauthier begins his first season as president and general manager of the Mighty Ducks after two-and-a-half seasons as general manager of the Ottawa Senators. In Ottawa, he had the Senators in the playoffs each of the last two seasons. Prior to his tenure in Ottawa, Gauthier served as the Ducks' assistant G.M. from 1993-95 and spent 13 years in the Nordiques' scouting department.

A graduate of Syracuse University with a degree in physical education, Gauthier also holds a master's degree in P.E. from the University of Minnesota. He lives in Irvine with his wife, Manon Roberge, and their two children, Catherine and Vincent.

JackFERREIRA



V.P.-Hockey Operations

An original member of the Mighty Ducks management team, Jack Ferreira begins his first season as vice president, hockey operations. Prior to assuming his current position, Ferreira spent five years as the Ducks' general manager. A veteran of over 23 years in professional hockey, Ferreira's expertise lies in evaluating talent. A native of Providence, R.I., Ferreira has also served as general manager of the Minnesota North Stars and San Jose Sharks.

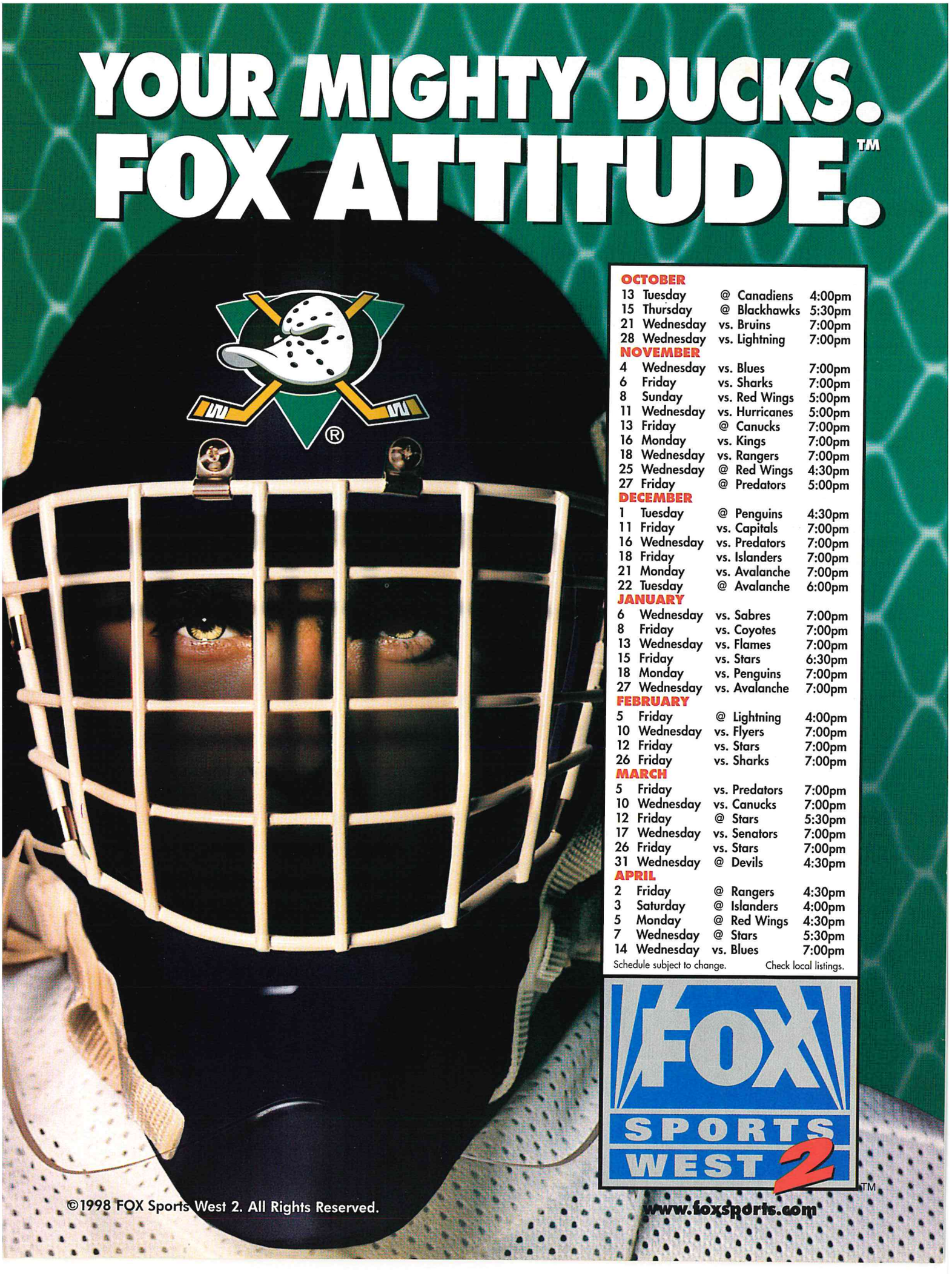
A former All-America goaltender at Boston University, Ferreira also served as assistant G.M. for Team USA at the 1996 World Cup of Hockey and 1998 Olympics. Ferreira and his wife, Kathy, have two daughters, Jennifer and Julie, and two sons, Eric and Kent.

DavidMcNAB

Assistant G.M.

David McNab begins his third season as the Mighty Ducks' assistant general manager. His duties include assisting President/G.M. Pierre Gauthier in all areas of team operations, including contract negotiations, player evaluation and farm team supervision. Before he was named assistant G.M., the 42-year-old McNab spent three years as the Ducks' director of player personnel.

McNab began his pro scouting career in 1978 with the Washington Capitals, where he spent four years. In 1982, McNab moved to the Hartford Whalers before joining the New York Rangers as a scout from 1989–93. A graduate of Wisconsin, McNab played on the Badgers' 1977 National Championship team. David and his wife, Kari, have two daughters, Ali, and Erica.



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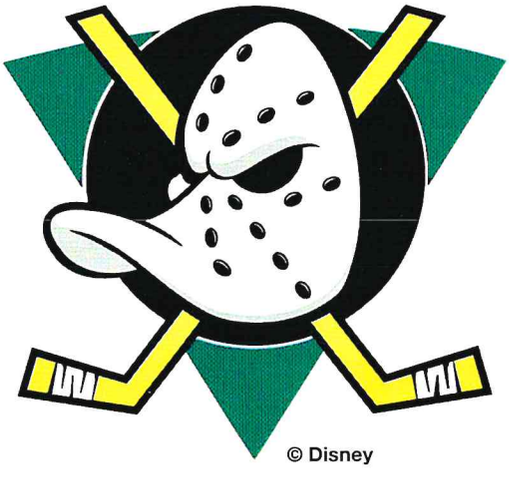

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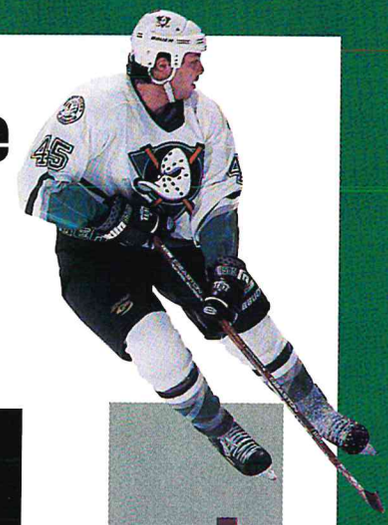
Minnesota Made

Matt Cullen talks about his hockey-crazed home state



1 *Other than the climate, why do so many good hockey players come from Minnesota?*
I think it's because the best athletes all want to play hockey whereas, in another state, your best athletes might want to play football. In Minnesota, playing hockey is tradition.

2 *Is it true that Minnesota players dream about playing in the high school hockey tournament before they dream about playing in the NHL?*
Sure. I think it's a kid's goal in Minnesota to win the state tournament instead of the Stanley Cup. Later on, you think about college or the pros, but first it's the high school tournament that you play for.

3 *You played in that tournament three times. What was it like?*
It was great, one of the best experiences of my life. It's like nothing else that you could imagine. It's fun and exciting and you're with all your best friends from high school.

4 *College hockey is also big there and most of the best players go to the Univ. of Minnesota. Why did you choose St. Cloud State?*
It was an opportunity for me to get a lot of ice time and it was an up-and-coming program. It was an exciting place to be and it's grown into a good program. It has a great atmosphere.

5 *What NHL players did you play against growing up?*
Mike Crowley and Dan Trebil. There a lot more young guys who are just coming up.

6 *You're from Moorhead, Minn., isn't that on the border right next to Fargo, N.D.?*
Yes, Moorhead is on Minnesota side and Fargo is on the North Dakota side and the two run together to basically form one town.

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7 *Did you see the movie Fargo?*
Yes. Wherever I go people ask me that and we always get a chuckle out of it. I thought it was a pretty funny movie.

8 *You don't seem to have any trace of the accent that was made famous in Fargo, do you hear it back home?*
You hear it a little bit but not quite like it sounded in the movie. I think it was exaggerated quite a bit.

9 *Darin Erstad of the Angels lives in Fargo, have you ever met him?*
I've never met him or run into him but I always read about him in the newspaper. He's very popular up there and I follow his career.

10 *Is there a pride that Minnesota players share?*
Yes. A lot of the Minnesota players stick together because you grow up together, spend time together in the summer and you know each other very well. I always like to see other Minnesota players do well. MD

TenQUESTIONS

Fast Times

This superstar loves speed & excitement and hockey offers a combination of the two

WhyWEplay

BYTeemuSELANNE

Growing up near Helsinki, Finland, I played many different sports. During the summers I would compete in soccer, tennis, squash and track. But when winter approached, just one thing held my interest: Hockey.

I began skating at age six, thanks to my dad who would take the family to the local rink. When I was eight all my friends and brothers were playing competitively so, I decided to join my first league, too. That's when my love of hockey began.

There's has always been something different about hockey, something that grabs hold of you like no other sport. I love anything that goes fast and when I was playing hockey, I could always go as fast as I wanted. Along with the speed, hockey always offered excitement and, to this day, I still get a thrill every time I play the game.

While I was working on my skating, shooting and speed, my twin brother, Paavo, decided to be a goalie. That turned out to be a very convenient decision, for both of us.

Because Paavo was a goalie, it meant we could practice whenever we wanted. As long as we had each other, we had all we needed to play. I had a goalie to practice shooting on and he had a shooter to practice stopping.

We took advantage of that opportunity as often as we could and spent any spare time playing hockey at home.

Now that I'm older and in the NHL, I can see what makes the game so great. Hockey combines speed, excitement and non-stop action in a way no other sport can match.

In hockey, it's not just those involved in the immediate play that affect the outcome, it's every skater on the ice. No matter what position you play, you are always part of the action because positioning is such a big part of the game. As soon as the puck is dropped, hockey truly becomes a team game. There is excitement and action over every inch of the ice.

Living here in Southern California, the opportunities are endless. My son, Eemil, will surely be interested in a variety of different sports. I believe that being well-rounded is an asset. For that reason, I won't push him into skating or playing hockey. I will, however, be happy to take him to the rink as soon as he wants to go. In time, I'm sure he'll see sports the same way I do: There's hockey and then there's everything else. MD

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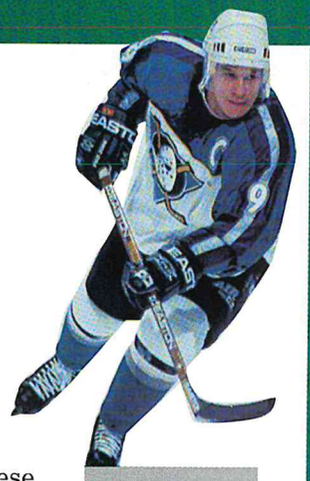
Home Game



As a native of Canada, Angels pitcher Jason Dickson has hockey in his blood

WHY we WATCH

BY Jason DICKSON

As a native of Canada — I was born in London, Ontario — hockey has been a way of life for me since my birth. Everyone back home plays, watches, lives, breathes and talks hockey. That includes my father, who was the first person to take me to the rink and teach me the rules of the game.

Though everyone in my hometown of Chatham, New Brunswick is either a Montreal Canadiens or Toronto Maple Leafs fan, I have always been partial to the Boston Bruins. I like the Bruins because I was always a big Cam Neely fan. I enjoyed watching him play because, I believe he is a great example of the way hockey should be played and represented on and off the ice.

As a hockey player, my career was relatively short. When it became apparent that my athleticism was best suited to baseball, I decided to hang up my competitive hockey skates. But I've never lost interest in the game. In fact, I still skate quite a bit during the winter as part of my exercise routine to get ready for spring training.

The intricacies of hockey are truly fascinating. I enjoy watching the small things, like the energy it takes to go out and skate a long shift, or the skill level involved in handling the puck.

The pace of hockey is also unmatched. While baseball prides itself on relaxation, hockey thrives on speed and action. Players change with the game still in progress and goalies stand in front of a piece of frozen rubber traveling the speed of my fastball. All of these attributes keep me glued to the TV every winter.

Last season I was able to see two of my favorites, the Bruins and Maple Leafs play here in Anaheim. I was amazed at the amount of true hockey fans living in California. It's great to see the NHL spread to markets that otherwise wouldn't be exposed to such an exciting game.

And while there is nothing I like better than playing baseball for a living, there is little I enjoy more than watching the sport I was born to play. MD

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Helmet

Shoulder Pads (worn under jersey)

Team Jersey

Teemu Selanne

Gloves (padded, reinforced)

Hockey Pants (with built-in pads for thighs and kidneys)

Hockey Stockings

Shin Guards (worn under stockings)

Stick

Skates

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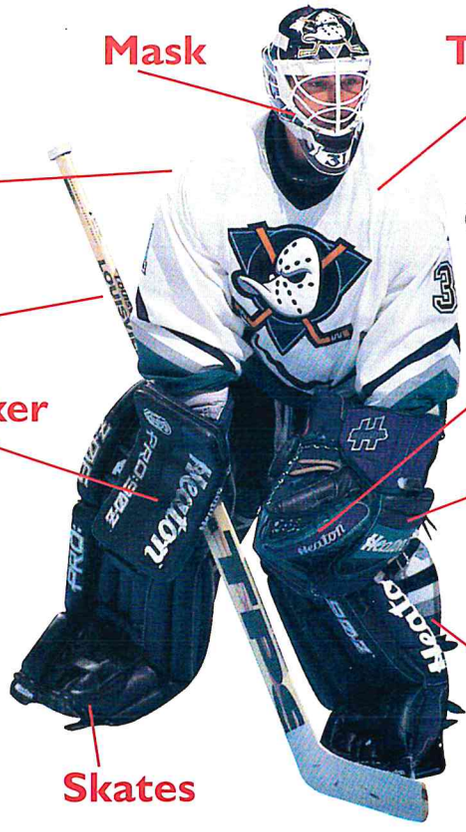

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Team Jersey

Shoulder Pads & Chest Protector (worn under jersey)

Goalie Pants (with extra protection to absorb shots)

Goalie Stick (with large paddle for blocking shots)

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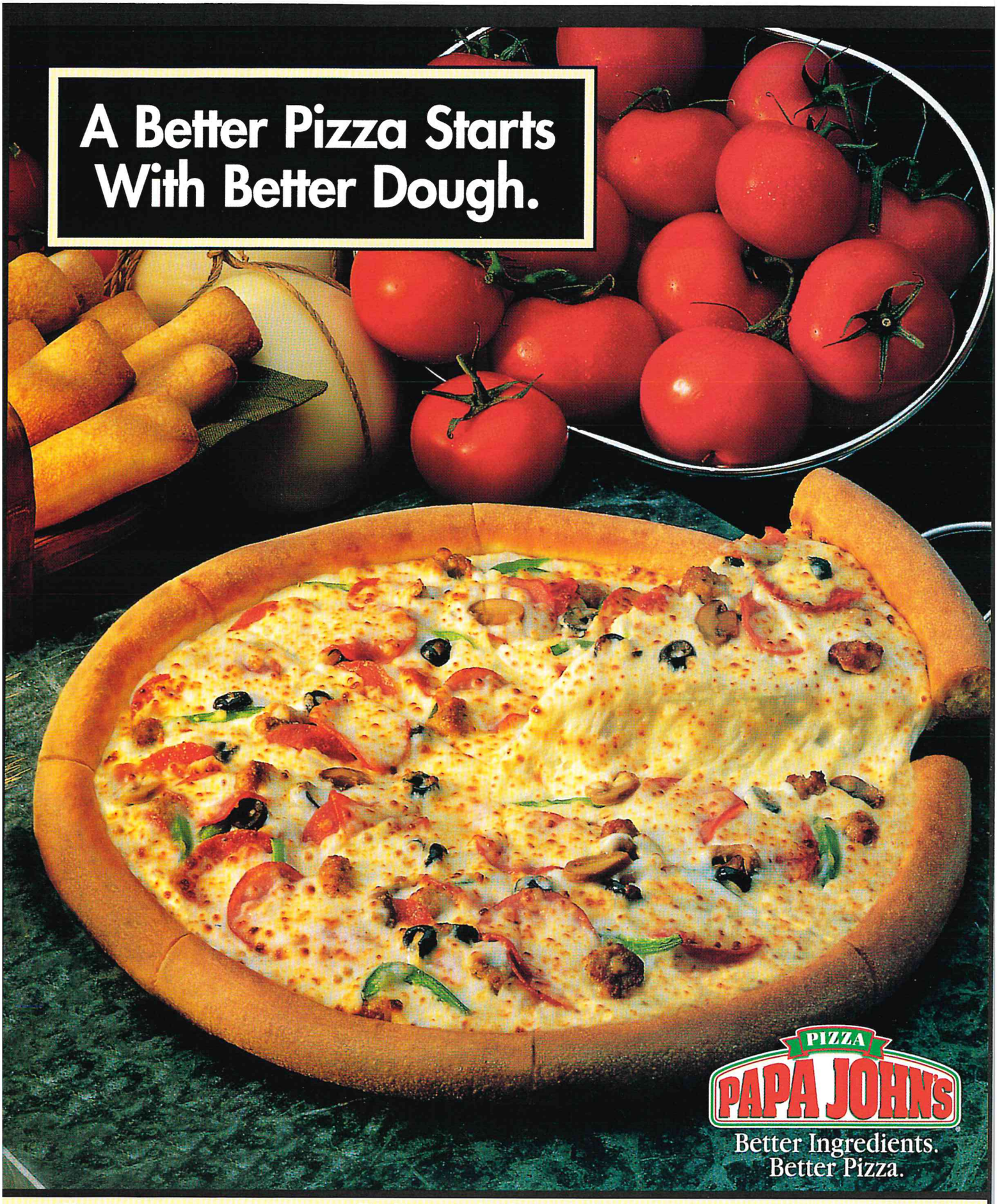

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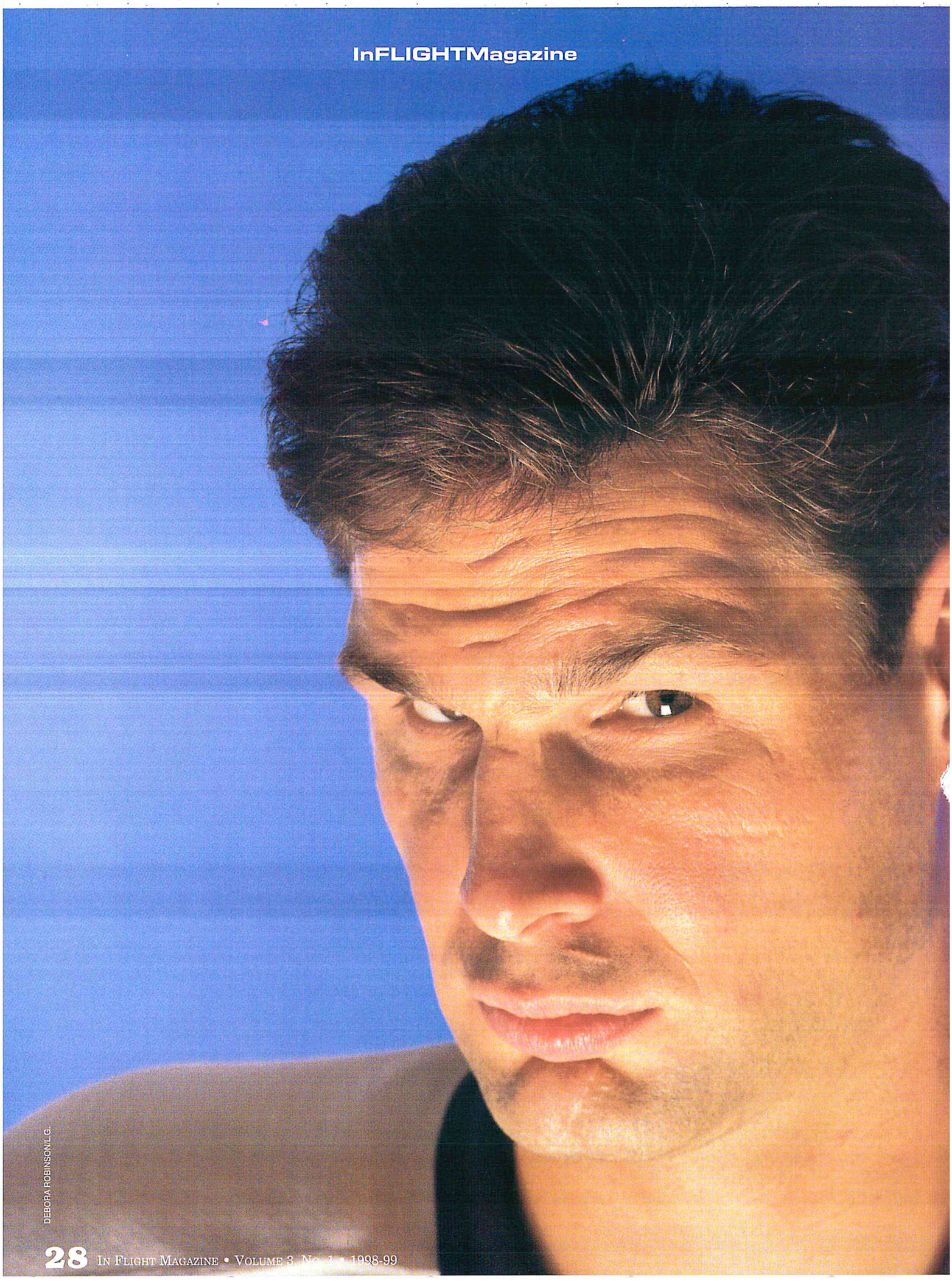

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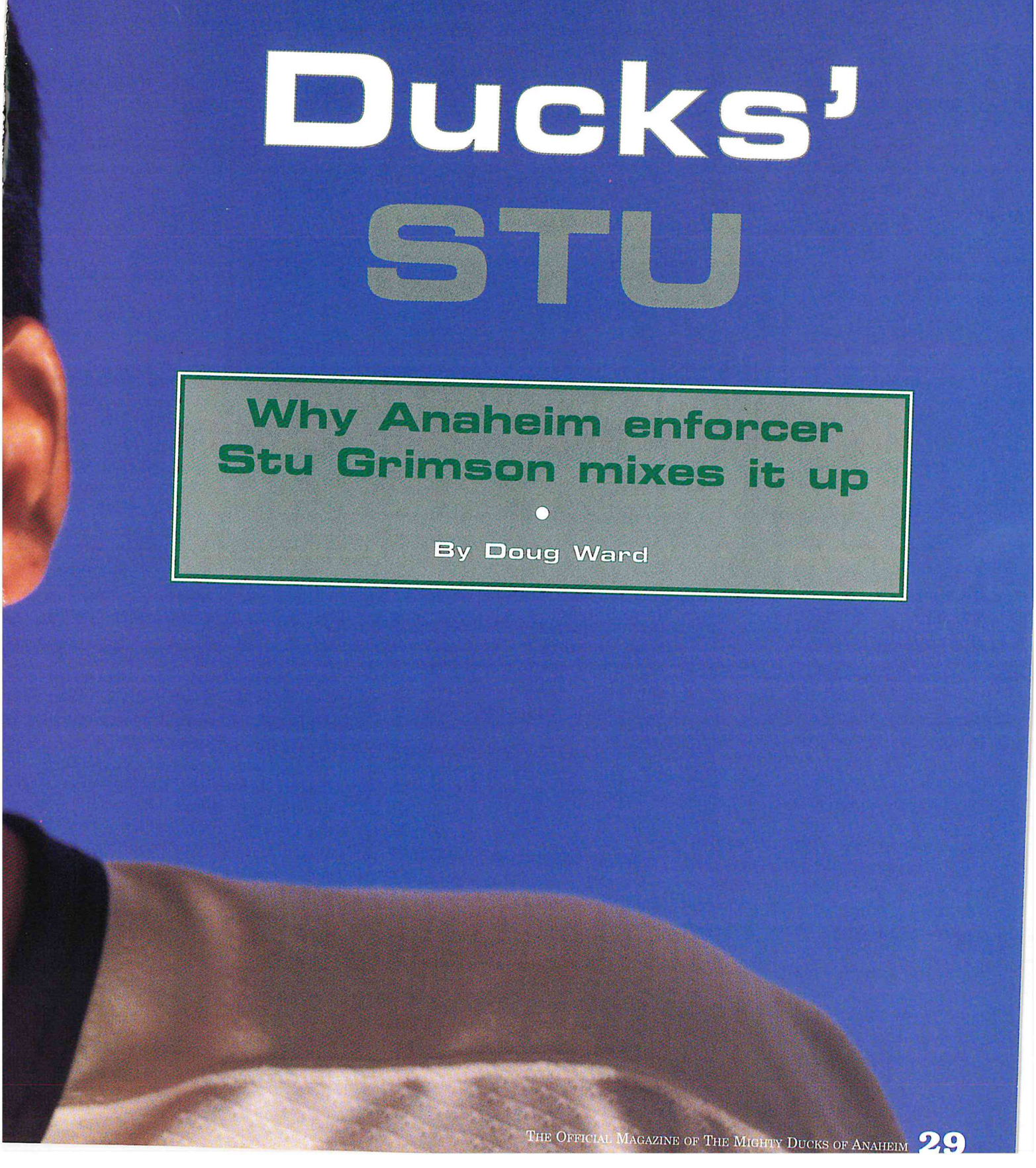
Ducks' STU

Why Anaheim enforcer Stu Grimson mixes it up

By Doug Ward



Stu Grimson is excited to be back playing hockey in Southern California because he's convinced that things are sweeter the second time around.

And things were pretty good the last time Grimson called Orange County home. Back in 1993-94, Grimson was an original Mighty Duck and, perhaps, the team's most popular player.

"The Grim Reaper" was beloved in Anaheim because he was the ultimate team player, putting himself on the line for the good of the team every night.

Because Grimson is considered one of the NHL's toughest players, he's a welcome addition to any team.

"It's great to be back," he says of returning to Orange County. "I enjoyed my first time around here and, in the short time I've been back, I've enjoyed it this time, too. It's good to back in this environment. I've enjoyed this area and my family has been very happy here."

Grimson looks forward to the fan loyalty that has become a trademark of the Pond.

"One of my fondest memories about this area is the way the people responded to the team right from square one," he says. "It's good to see that that momentum has kind of carried right through and I'm anxious to be a part of things here because I think hockey is a very vibrant part of the community. The people always show up and appreciate the players and the game. That means a lot."

There are other reasons Grimson is excited to be back in Southern California.

"The weather's nice, but I think it's really the whole picture that I like about being back here. I've enjoyed this organization, I think they are a very professional outfit. There are a great bunch of guys here and we've made some great relationships here and sustained them over the years. That's why it's so exciting to be back."

It's all the more rewarding for Grimson because the Ducks know exactly what they're getting and he fills that need perfectly.

"Since the acquisition I've had a chance to talk to management here and they've made some pretty positive comments," Stu says. "I think it's pretty gratifying when people recognize you for the characteristics you have and what you can bring to a team."

> **"I'm glad they've made the decision to bring me back because I think I can really help this team."**
>
> **— StuGRIMSON**

Grimson's 1,529 career penalty minutes are a barometer of his hustle and work ethic. While playing a tough, physical brand of hockey, he has accumulated more stitches than goals but he's also got something some of the league's highest scorers don't: respect.

"It's hard for some people to understand," Grimson says after a workout at Disney ICE, "but my role is fairly honorable. We do what we do out of necessity and for what it brings to the team."

A tough, intimidating presence can open up room for the more skilled players and make other teams think twice about taking liberties with your skill players. It has a way of keeping everyone on the ice honest. Ultimately, skill players have room to operate and all players have more respect for one another.

Ducks left winger Paul Kariya, for one, is thrilled to have Stu back in the Ducks' lineup. "I think when you get a guy like Stu, it adds about 15-20 pounds to everybody on the team. He's an intimidating presence on the ice — he's intimidating even when he's not out there."

Grimson's previous tour of duty in Anaheim lasted a year and a half before he was traded to Detroit. New Mighty Ducks president and general manager Pierre Gauthier, noting that the team had missed Grimson since his departure, made re-acquiring him his first personnel move back on Aug. 11.

Grimson spent the last four years splitting time between Detroit and Hartford/Carolina but believes Anaheim is a perfect fit for his talents.

"If you are a younger team or a smaller team, it's pretty important to have somebody to fill the role I play. I'm glad they've made the decision to bring me back because I think I can really help this team."

In addition to Grimson, the Ducks acquired Jim McKenzie, who also figures to make the Ducks a more physical team.

Grimson believes he and

Rejoining the Mighty Ducks has given Grimson reason to smile.

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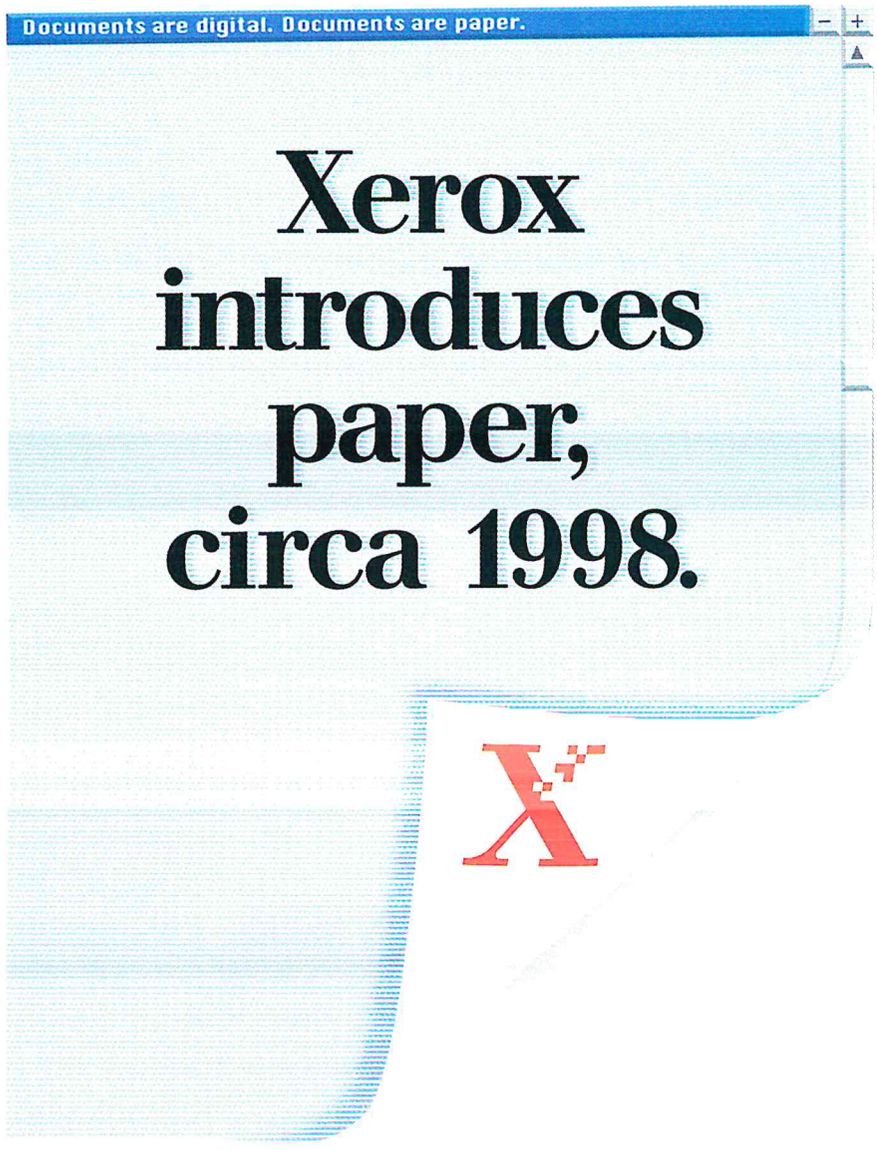

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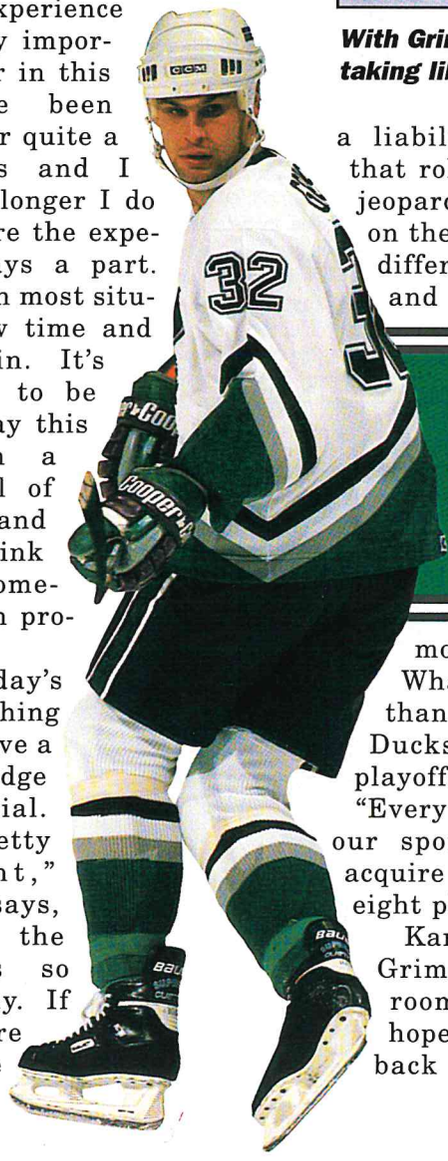
McKenzie can combine to make the Ducks tougher for teams to play against.

"Jimmy's a big, tough boy and he's a good player at the same time. I think with the two of us here, with the leadership and enthusiasm that he brings to the rink every day, it's going to be a good environment. I think we will be able to increase the confidence level of the team from a physical standpoint."

No matter how much backup you have, what Grimson does isn't easy. As one of the NHL's heavyweights, the 6-6, 226-pound Grimson is a target for every would-be tough guy trying to make an impression and a source of derision for fans in every building, except his own.

"It's a pretty challenging role," Grimson acknowledges. "I think experience is a pretty important factor in this role. I've been doing it for quite a few years and I think the longer I do it, the more the experience plays a part. I've been in most situations now time and time again. It's important to be able to play this role with a great deal of discipline and I like to think that's something I can provide."



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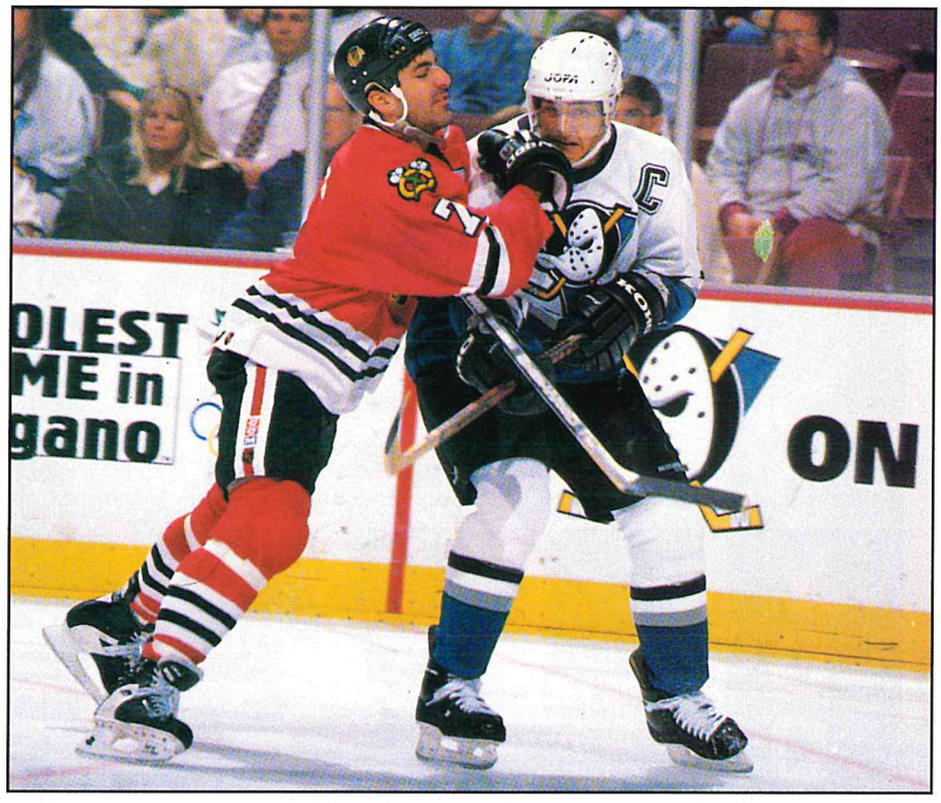
In today's NHL, anything that can give a team an edge is crucial. "It's pretty important," Grimson says, "because the league is so tight today. If you are going to be a liability when you perform that role and put your team in jeopardy every time you go out on the ice, it's going to make a difference over the long haul and you'll hurt your team more than you help it."



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With Grimson around, players like Chris Chelios will think twice about taking liberties with Teemu Selanne (above) and Paul Kariya.

"He's an intimidating presence on the ice."

— PaulKARIYA

What Grimson wants more than anything is to help the Ducks get back into the playoffs.

"Every point is so important in our sport today in trying to acquire one of those prestigious eight playoff positions."

Kariya, one of the players Grimson will be creating room for this season in hopes of getting the team back into the playoffs, believes physical players are vital to the good of the game.

Tough, physical hockey players are necessary for another reason: They tend to be the game's most personable and likable players off the ice.

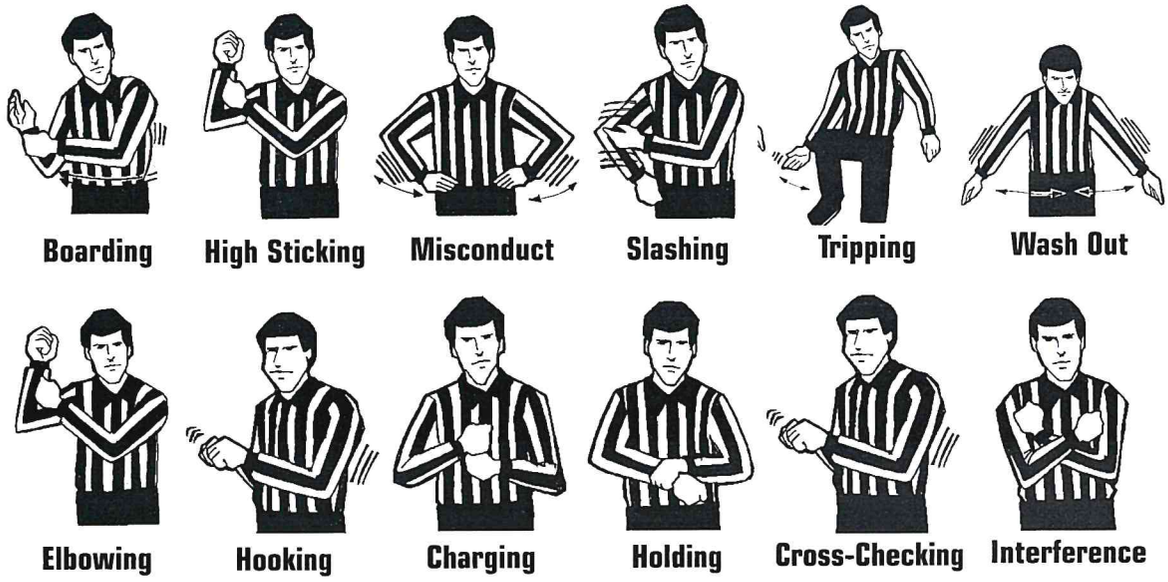
"I think somewhere deep down inside all of us, we're a little bit guilty about the role that we play, so we figure we've got to make it up off the ice," Grimson says.

On the ice, Grimson is eager to give the Ducks everything he's got.

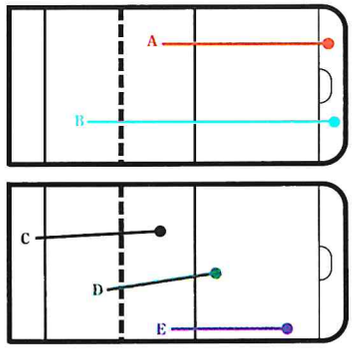
"I'm excited to be everything I was the last time I was here and more." MD

WATCHING Hockey

Referee's Signals



Hockey's Three Main Rules



Icing

A. Icing does not occur when a player shoots the puck from the offensive zone side of center ice into the opposition's end of the rink.

B. Icing is called when a player shoots the puck from his own zone across the opponent's goal line. Icing is not called when a team is short-handed.

Offside Pass

C. An offside pass occurs when a member of the attacking team passes the puck from behind his own blue line to a teammate across the center red line.

D. An attacking player may pass the puck over the center red line and the blue line to a teammate, as long as the teammate does not pass the blue line before the puck.

Offside

E. A team is offside when a player crosses the blue line before the puck. The determining factor in an offside is the position of the skates: they must both be over the line ahead of the puck to be considered offside.

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80	Thor Nelson
84	Tony Sericolo
86	Brad Lazarowich
88	Mike Cvik
90	Andy McElman
91	Don Henderson
93	Brian Murphy
94	Wayne Bonney
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Television

ChrisMADSEN

Play-by-Play

The original voice of the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, Chris Madsen returns for his sixth season of calling the play-by-play for the team's televised games on KCAL9 and Fox Sports West.

The personable Madsen is a popular member of the Ducks speakers' bureau and has also handled play-by-play for ESPN2 telecasts and Hockey Night in Canada.

A graduate of Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., Madsen resides in Orange with his wife, Lori.

BrianHAYWARD

Analyst

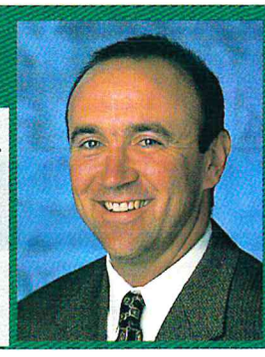
As he enters his sixth season in the Mighty Ducks broadcast booth, Brian Hayward brings a reputation as one of hockey's most articulate and informative analysts.

Hayward taps into his 11-year career as an NHL goaltender to bring his audience an inside look at hockey. He has gained exposure on a national level with his work during Stanley Cup telecasts on Fox Sports and Molson Hockey Night in Canada.

A product of Cornell, Hayward played for Winnipeg, Montreal, Minnesota and San Jose. He resides in Yorba Linda with his wife, Angela, and daughter, Courtney.

Radio

BrianHAMILTON



Play-by-Play

Brian Hamilton returns for his third season of calling the action along the Mighty Ducks radio network. Hamilton came to the Ducks from the Baltimore Bandits of the IHL. The 29-year-old Hamilton has been around hockey most of his broadcasting career. He has also called the action for the ECHL's Richmond Renegades and Winston-Salem Thunderbirds as well as the AHL's Baltimore Skipjacks.

A graduate of Wake Forest University, Hamilton and his wife, Suzanne, reside in Yorba Linda with their two children, Nicholas and Madeline.

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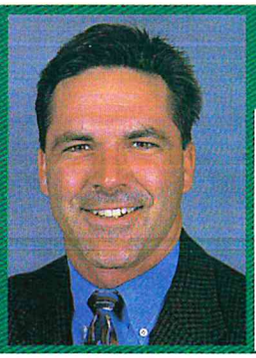

Analyst

Former NHL goaltender Darren Eliot begins his second season as the Mighty Ducks' radio color analyst. Eliot came to the Ducks from the Detroit Vipers of the International Hockey League, where he handled the color commentary on both radio and television for two seasons.

The Cornell graduate played professionally with the Los Angeles Kings, Detroit Red Wings and Buffalo Sabres. Eliot and his wife, Meredith, reside in Anaheim with their daughter, Avery.

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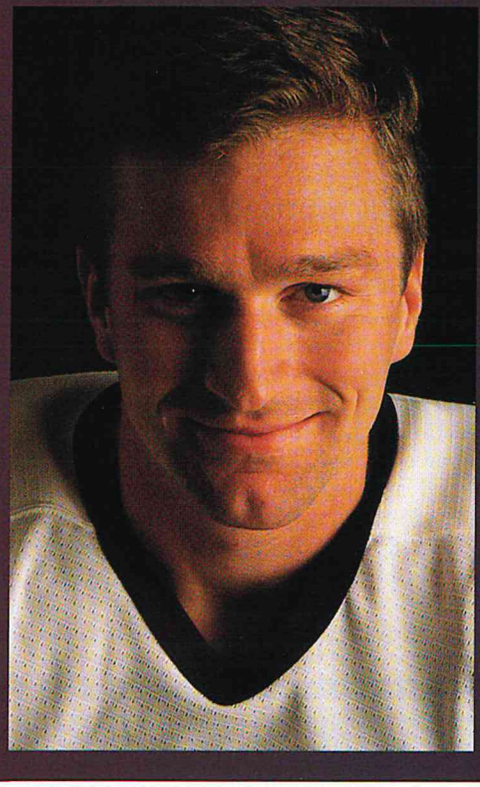

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Coaches

Head COACH Craig HARTSBURG

Craig Hartsburg became the third head coach in Mighty Ducks history when he was named to the position on July 21, 1998. The 39-year-old Stratford, Ontario native spent the last three seasons as the head coach of the Chicago Blackhawks, reaching the Stanley Cup Playoffs twice. His first season behind Chicago's bench saw the Hawks advance to the Western Conference Semi-Finals before falling to eventual Stanley Cup Champion Colorado.

Hartsburg's first head coaching experience came with Guelph (OHL) in 1994. Prior to that, he spent four seasons (1990-1994) with the Philadelphia Flyers as an assistant coach and one year as an assistant coach with the Minnesota North Stars during the 1989-90 season.

A two-way defenseman, he played his entire 10-year career with the North Stars, serving as their captain for six of those seasons while playing in three all-star games.

Hartsburg and his wife, Peggy, have two children, Christopher and Katie.

Newell BROWN Assistant COACH

Newell Brown begins his first year as a Mighty Ducks assistant coach after spending the past two seasons as a Blackhawks assistant under Craig Hartsburg.

Before his stint in Chicago, the 36-year-old Brown spent four years as the head coach of the Adirondack Red Wings, Detroit's primary minor league affiliate. At Adirondack, he compiled a record of 151-134-35.

The Michigan State product began his coaching career as an assistant at his alma mater from 1987-1990 before serving as head coach at Michigan Tech for two seasons.

The Cornwell, Ontario native played in the Canucks organization for one year. Newell and his wife, Lori, have two children, Erika and Adam.

Assistant COACH George BURNETT

George Burnett joined the Ducks on Aug. 11 after serving as the head coach of the Guelph Storm for the 1997-98 season. He led Guelph to the OHL Championship and the Memorial Cup Finals this past year after guiding them to a record of 42-18-6 during the regular season. He also spent this past summer as the head coach to the Canadian National Junior Team.

A native of Port Perry, Ontario, Burnett was named the head coach of the Edmonton Oilers on Aug. 2, 1994, where he went 12-20-3. He joined the Oilers after two successful seasons with Cape Breton, Edmonton's primary AHL affiliate. Burnett led Cape Breton to a 68-67-25 record during his two seasons, including a Calder Cup Championship in 1993.

Burnett and his wife, Laurie, have two children, Hanna (7) and Dylan (6).

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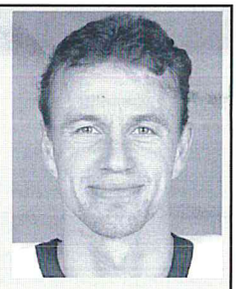

FREDRIK OLAUSSON

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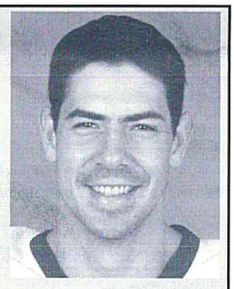

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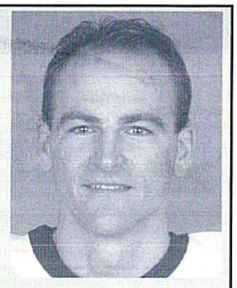

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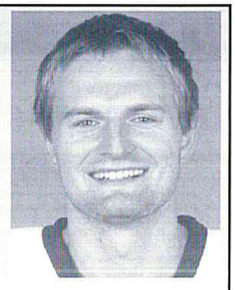
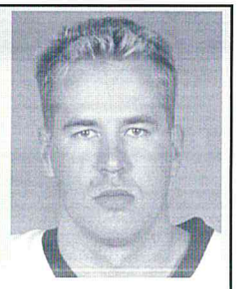


JOSEF MARHA

10 Center 6-1/205

MATT CULLEN

11 Center 6-1/198



ANTTI AALTO

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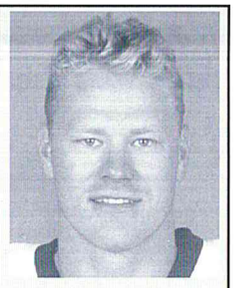

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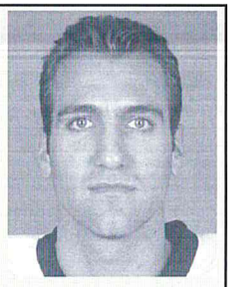

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JOHAN DAVIDSSON

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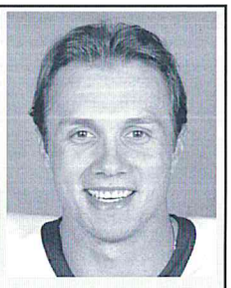

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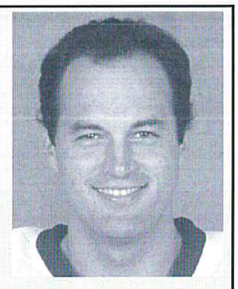
DOMINIC ROUSSEL

30 Goaltender 6-1/191



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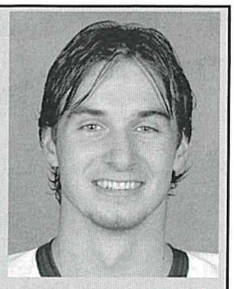
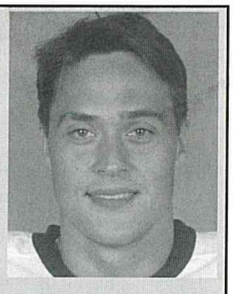


PAVEL TRNKA

7 *Defense*
6-3/200



TEEMU SELANNE

8 *Right Wing*
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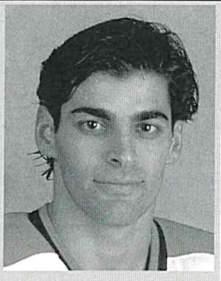
PAUL KARIYA

9 *Left Wing*
5-10/180



MARTY MCINNIS

16 *Left Wing*
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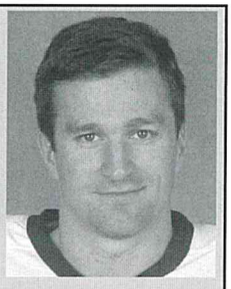
TOMAS SANDSTROM

17 *Right Wing*
6-2/207



TED DRURY

18 *Center/Left Wing*
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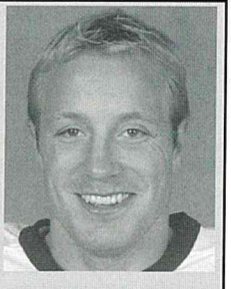

JASON MARSHALL

23 *Defense*
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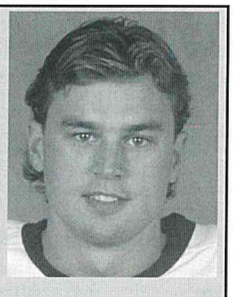
RUSLAN SALEI

24 *Defense*
6-1/206



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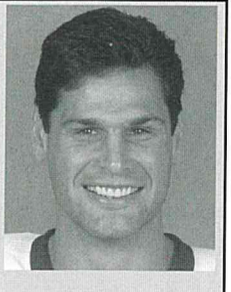

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32 *Left Wing*
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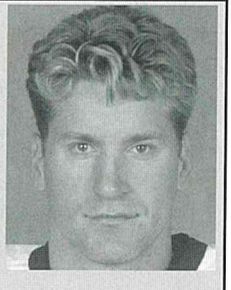

JIM MCKENZIE

33 *Left Wing*
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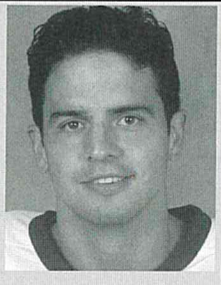

TRAVIS GREEN

39 *Center*
6-2/196

MIGHTY DUCKS OF ANAHEIM

No.	Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Born	Birthplace	1997-98 Club
2	D	Fredrik Olausson	6-0	198	10/5/66	Dadsejo, Sweden	Pittsburg
4	D	Jamie Pushor	6-3	218	2/11/73	Lethbridge, Alb.	Det/Ana
5	D	Kevin Haller	6-2	195	12/5/70	Trochu, Alb.	Carolina
7	D	Pavel Trnka	6-3	200	7/27/76	Plzen, Czech Rep.	Anaheim
8	RW	Teemu Selanne	6-0	201	7/3/70	Helsinki, Fin.	Anaheim
9	LW	Paul Kariya	5-10	180	10/16/74	Vancouver, B.C.	Anaheim
10	C	Josef Marha	6-1	205	6/2/76	Havlichuv Brod, Czech	Col/Ana
11	C	Matt Cullen	6-1	198	11/2/76	Virginia, Minn.	Cin/Ana
14	C	Antti Aalto	6-2	210	3/4/75	Lappeenrana, Finland	Cincinnati
16	LW	Marty McInnis	5-11	190	6/2/70	Weymouth, MA	Calgary
17	RW	Tomas Sandstrom	6-2	207	9/4/64	Jakobstad, Finland	Anaheim
18	C/LW	Ted Drury	6-0	206	9/13/71	Boston, Mass.	Anaheim
19	RW	Jeff Nielsen	6-0	195	9/20/71	Grand Rapids, Minn.	Cin/Ana
20	C	Steve Rucchin	6-2	212	7/4/71	Thunder Bay, Ont.	Anaheim
22	C	Johan Davidsson	6-1	187	1/6/76	Jonkoping, Sweden	HIFK Helsinki
23	D	Jason Marshall	6-2	200	2/22/71	Cranbrook, B.C.	Anaheim
24	D	Ruslan Salei	6-1	206	11/2/74	Minsk, Belarus	Anaheim
25	D	Mike Crowley	5-11	190	4/4/75	Bloomington, Minn.	Cin/Ana
27	D	Pascal Trepanier	6-0	210	9/4/73	Gaspe, Quebec	Hershey (AHL)
30	G	Dominic Roussel	6-1	191	2/22/70	Hull, Quebec	Can. Nat. Team
31	G	Guy Hebert	5-11	186	1/7/76	Troy, NY	Anaheim
32	LW	Stu Grimson	6-5	239	5/20/65	Kamloops, B.C.	Carolina
33	LW	Jim McKenzie	6-4	229	11/3/69	Gull Lake, Sask.	Phoenix
39	C	Travis Green	6-2	196	12/20/70	Castlebar, B.C.	NYI/Ana

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Assistant Coach: Newell Brown
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Head Trainer: Greg Smith
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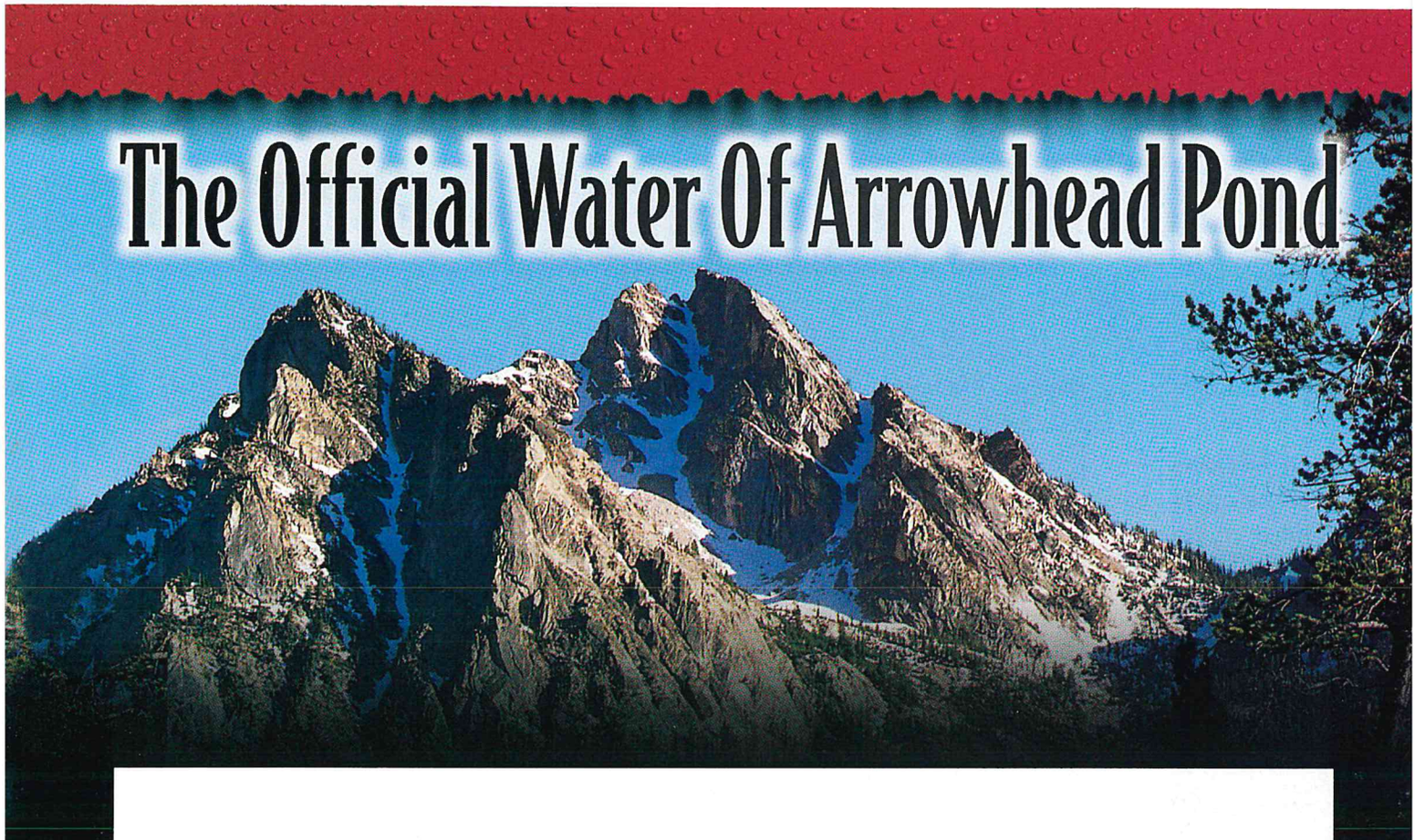

SAN JOSE SHARKS

No.	Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Born	Birthplace	1997-98 Club
2	D	Bill Houlder	6-2	215	3/11/67	Thunder Bay, Ont.	San Jose
3	D	Bob Rouse	6-2	220	6/18/64	Surrey, B.C.	Detroit
4	D	Andrei Zyuzin	6-1	200	1/21/78	UFA, Russia	San Jose
6	D	Scott Hannan	6-2	215	1/23/79	Richmond, B.C.	Kelowna (WHL)
7	LW	Shawn Burr	6-1	205	7/1/66	Sarnia, Ont.	San Jose
10	D	Marcus Ragnarsson	6-1	215	8/13/71	Ostervala, Sweden	San Jose
11	RW	Oven Nolan	6-1	205	2/12/72	Belfast, Ireland	San Jose
12	C	Ron Sutter	6-0	180	12/2/63	Viking, Alberta	San Jose
14	C	Patrick Marleau	6-2	205	9/15/79	Aneroid, Sask.	San Jose
16	LW	Alex Hicks	6-0	190	9/4/69	Calgary, Alb.	Pittsburgh
17	RW	Joe Murphy	6-1	190	10/16/67	London, Ont.	St. Louis/ San Jose
18	C	Mike Ricci	6-0	190	10/27/71	Scarborough, Ont.	San Jose
19	C	Marco Sturm	6-0	195	9/8/78	Dingolfing, Germany	San Jose
21	LW	Tony Granato	5-10	180	7/25/64	Downers Grove, IL	San Jose
22	RW	Ronnie Stern	6-0	200	1/11/67	St. Agathe, Que.	Calgary
26	LW	Dave Lowry	6-1	200	2/14/65	Sudbury, Ont.	San Jose
27	D	Bryan Marchment	6-1	205	5/1/69	Scarborough, Ont.	Edm./T.B./S.J.
29	G	Mike Vernon	5-9	180	2/24/63	Calgary, Alb.	San Jose
31	G	Steve Sheilds	6-3	215	7/19/72	North Bay, Ont.	Buffalo
32	LW	Murray Craven	6-3	190	7/20/64	Medicine Hat, Alb.	San Jose
37	LW	Stephane Matteau	6-4	220	9/2/69	Rouyn, Que.	San Jose
39	LW	Jeff Friesen	6-0	200	8/5/76	Meadow Lake, Sask.	San Jose
40	D	Mike Rathje	6-5	230	5/11/74	Mannville, Alb.	San Jose
42	D	Andy Sutton	6-6	240	3/10/75	London, Ont.	Michigan Tech

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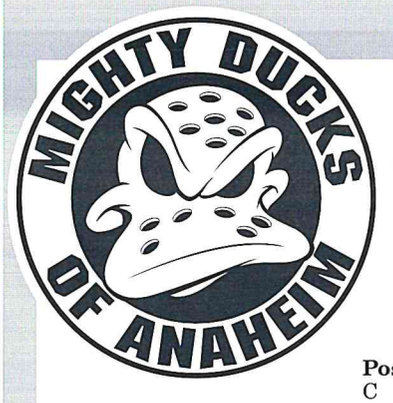

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Pos.	No.	Player	GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	GT	S	PCT.
C	18	Jeff Friesen	7	1	4	5	-3	0	1	0	0	0	17	14
C	18	Mike Ricci	9	1	4	5	-3	2	0	0	0	1	7	6
LW	32	Murray Craven	8	1	3	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	7	11
LW	21	Tony Granato	8	2	2	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	19	11
RW	17	Joe Murphy	6	2	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	19	11
RW	11	Owen Nolan	7	1	3	4	-2	14	0	0	0	0	19	5
C	19	Marco Sturm	9	2	2	4	-2	18	1	0	0	0	9	22
D	2	Bill Houlder	9	2	1	3	-5	2	0	0	0	0	5	40
D	3	Bob Rouse	9	0	3	3	-2	4	0	0	0	0	10	0
C	14	Patrick Marleau	9	2	1	3	-1	2	0	0	0	0	18	11
LW	26	Dave Lowry	6	1	1	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	5	20
LW	37	Stephane Matteau	8	0	2	2	-1	11	0	0	0	0	7	0
C	12	Ron Sutter	6	2	0	2	1	5	0	0	1	0	10	20
D	40	Mike Rathje	9	2	0	2	3	4	1	0	0	0	10	20
D	6	Scott Hannan	4	0	2	2	-2	4	0	0	0	0	3	0
C	13	Jamie Baker	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
C	9	Bernie Nicholls	5	0	1	1	-3	2	0	0	0	0	5	0
RW	22	Ronnie Stern	7	0	1	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	5	0
LW	16	Alex Hicks	4	0	1	1	-1	4	0	0	0	0	4	0
D	4	Andrei Zyuzin	9	1	0	1	1	10	1	0	0	0	16	0
LW	7	Shawn Burr	4	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	2	0
D	27	Bryan Marchment	9	0	0	0	-4	25	0	0	0	0	8	0
C	8	Jarrod Skalde	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D	20	Gary Suter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
G	29	Mike Vernon	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G	31	Steve Sheilds	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D	10	Marcus Ragnarsson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D	42	Andy Sutton	5	0	0	0	-2	8	0	0	0	0	4	0

No.	Goaltender	Min.	GAA	W	L	T	EN	SO	GA	SV	SV%	G	A	PIM
31	Steve Sheilds	164	2.56	0	1	1	0	0	7	62	.899	0	0	0
29	Mike Vernon	383	3.13	1	5	1	0	0	20	158	.888	0	0	0

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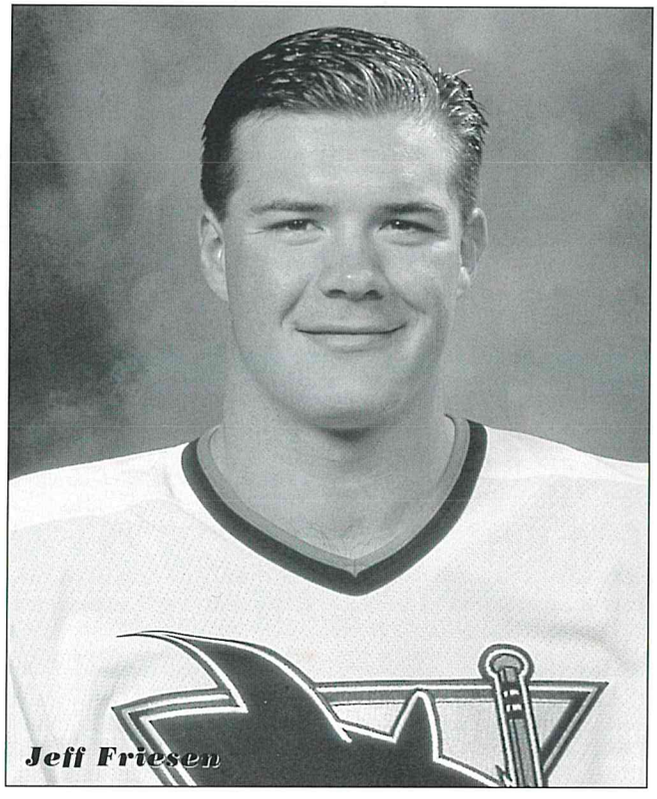
Pos.	No.	Player	GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	GT	S	PCT.
LW	9	Paul Kariya	9	6	7	13	7	4	3	1	0	0	50	12.0
RW	8	Teemu Selanne	9	6	5	11	6	0	0	0	0	1	31	19.4
C	20	Steve Rucchin	9	2	7	9	7	6	0	0	0	1	31	6.5
RW	17	Tomas Sandstrom	9	2	2	4	2	12	0	0	1	0	20	10.0
D	25	Mike Crowley	5	1	3	4	1	8	0	0	0	0	7	14.3
LW	16	Marty Mcinnis	9	1	2	3	0	10	0	0	0	0	9	11.1
C	22	Johan Davidsson	9	0	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	.0
LW	32	Stu Grimson	9	2	0	2	2	19	0	0	1	0	4	50.0
LW	33	Jim McKenzie	7	1	1	2	0	4	0	0	1	0	7	14.3
D	2	Frederick Olausson	9	1	1	2	3	4	1	0	0	0	15	6.7
C	39	Travis Green	9	0	2	2	1	12	0	0	0	0	25	.0
D	24	Ruslan Salei	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	6	.0
D	7	Pavel Trnka	8	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	12	.0
D	5	Kevin Haller	9	0	1	1	4	14	0	0	0	0	10	.0
C	14	Antti Aalto	9	0	1	1	-1	2	0	0	0	0	4	.0
G	30	Dominic Roussel	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0
C	10	Josef Marha	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0
C	18	Ted Drury	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0
D	27	Pascal Trepanier	4	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	3	.0
G	31	Guy Hebert	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0
RW	19	Jeff Nielsen	8	0	0	0	-1	2	0	0	0	0	6	.0
D	23	Jason Marshall	9	0	0	0	1	28	0	0	0	0	8	.0
D	4	Jamie Pushor	9	0	0	0	3	16	0	0	0	0	8	.0
C	11	Matt Cullen	9	0	0	0	-2	4	0	0	0	0	14	.0

No.	Goaltender	Min.	GAA	W	L	T	EN	SO	GA	SV	SV%	G	A	PIM
30	Dominic Roussel	59	1.02	0	1	0	0	0	1	34	.971	0	0	0
31	Guy Hebert	493	2.19	3	2	3	0	1	18	261	.931	0	0	0

Friesen Season

The San Jose left wing has become a force to reckon with in the NHL


Jeff Friesen

Already the franchise's all-time leader in goals scored with 89 to begin the 1998-99 season, Jeff Friesen looks to develop his role as a leader in the San Jose lockerroom.

A number one draft choice (11th overall) in 1994, Friesen has rapidly emerged as one of the leagues consistent offensive threats. Last season, the Meadow Lake, Saskachewan, native led the NHL in shorthanded goals (6) and led the Sharks in goals (31), game-winning goals (7), and points (63). Leading into the 1994 NHL Entry Draft, Friesen completed a remarkable season which saw him score 51-67=118 points in 66 games for Regina of the World Hockey League. As a rookie in 1994-95, he finished with 15-10=25 points in only 48 games. And despite spending nearly half of that season splitting time between the WHL and the World Junior Championships, Friesen finished fourth in the NHL rookie of the year balloting.

Now in the midst of his fifth NHL season, Friesen began the year having never missed a game due to injury. He attributes much of that to a rigorous workout program designed for him by well-known Bay Area personal trainer Joe Grasso. At the age of 22, Friesen obviously has time and work ethic on his side. This offseason he awarded himself a surf trip to Hawaii after being named as one of the top 50 players in hockey by The Hockey News.

Friesen has worked hard to become a top penalty killer and is one of the most dangerous Sharks on the power play. He's been particularly impressive vs. Anaheim, scoring 10-13=23 points against the Ducks in 20 games.

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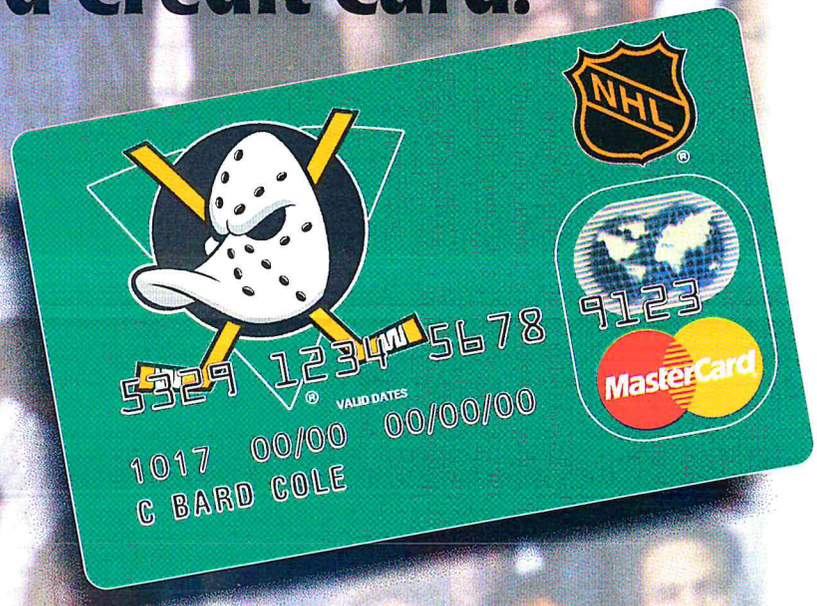

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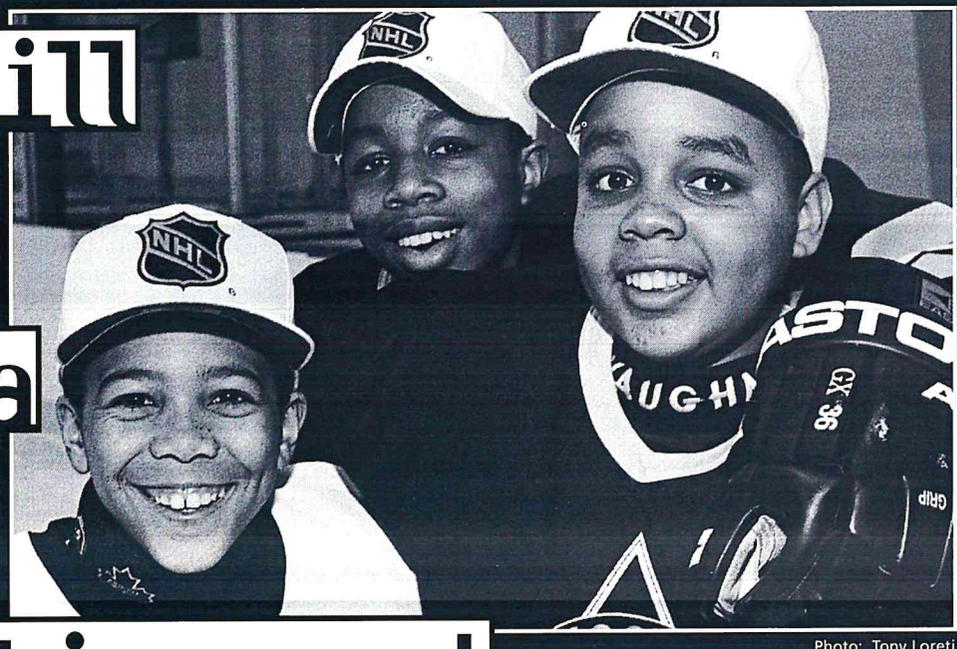

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J.R. Superstar

Jeremy Roenick's 50-goal seasons might be behind him, but the Phoenix center's all-out hustle and physical style make him one of hockey's most exciting players

By Frank Brown

It hurts for only a moment. That's what Jeremy Roenick tells himself. You get knocked down, you get back up and make someone pay for your discomfort; it's over in an instant.

"When I was 10 years old, I was always the smallest guy on the ice. I'd get hit and I'd lie there for 20 minutes," recalled the Coyotes' star center, who turned 10 on January 17, 1980. "It got to be where my friends would say, 'Don't lie on the ice. You're being a baby.' So I started getting up right away, no matter how hurt I was. I didn't want my friends calling me a baby. I didn't want to hear my dad say, 'You're a baby. Get off the ice.'"

Those are the last words you want to hear when you have spent so much time, effort and energy trying to get on the ice. There is no sense of freedom like the one you feel when your skates are biting chunks out of the frozen pond, driving you faster than you ever thought you could move. You take one stride, then another, then, WHAM!

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It hurts for only a moment. The idea, when you weigh only 185 pounds, as Roenick does, is to make sure it hurts the other guy as much as it hurts you.

"I like to live life on the edge, there's no question. You can probably tell that just by the way I play hockey," the 6-footer said. "I'm not the biggest guy in the world, but I try to jeopardize my career every time I'm on the ice."

The second time Roenick skated in his life, he was three or four years old, if memory serves him right. His career wasn't the only thing in jeopardy. With a football helmet on his head, a plastic stick in his hands and double-runner skates on his feet, Roenick fell into Connecticut's Nawgatuck River.

"Thin ice," Roenick explained. "I disappeared for a

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couple of seconds, then my dad pulled me out."

Wally and Jo Roenick decided right about that moment that young Jeremy's skating future might be better served by an artificial surface with a concrete floor beneath it. The thicker the floor, the better. The rescues are easier.

They took little Jeremy to the Bridgeport Ice Arena. They figured he could keep himself upright by clinging to the boards that bordered the rink.

"He took off without every touching the boards," Jo recalled. "I remember shouting, 'Wait for us.'"

Caution? Jeremy Roenick had no use for caution. He had things to do, people with whom to collide. At most rinks, a sign says, "Skate at your own risk." Even now, that sign belongs anywhere Roenick laces up his blades.

"If I could play every game with blood on my face, I'd do it. It's just a mentality, a badge of honor," Roenick said. "If people look at me and see blood on my face, or see me with a black eye, they say, 'Gee, that guy is tough.' That's very important to me."

It's a lot better than being called a baby. Either you're skating toward something or away from something, and when you show the commitment Roenick always seems to display, you race away from the chance of letting somebody down.

"I don't fear people. I try not to fear anything on the ice," he said. "I have a fear of not succeeding, not being accepted and not being successful. Those are my fears.

"You know what my biggest fear is?" he asked, before answering his own question. "It's being disliked by my teammates, my peers and the fans around me."

The fans in particular.

"The fans are what it's all about for me," Roenick said. "If I can make it fun for the kids at a game by throwing them a puck or winking to a kid or talking to somebody, they're going to go home and say, 'I can't believe he talked to me. I want to go back.' That means a lot to me.

"Anybody who knows me knows I'm a real approachable guy," he added. "If you see me on the street, come say hi, shake my hand. Don't be afraid. I'll never ignore you or act like a jerk."

Roenick remembers the time he learned firsthand the impact of the experience when a young person has even a moment of contact with a sports hero.

This was at a rink in Glastonbury, Conn., when he was six or seven years old. It was in the days of the World Hockey Association. Roenick had gone to watch a New England Whalers practice and was leaning over the protective glass to get a close look at the action when he was startled by a mini-avalanche.

The Whalers' Gordie Howe, "Mister Hockey," had seen an unsuspecting target and mischievously decided to turn his stick blade into a snow shovel. There is always extra snow on the pond because the players' skates are so sharp that they chop ice into granules. Howe decided a scoop of the stuff would look splendid atop Roenick's head. For emphasis, Howe added a tap with his stick on the boy's noggin.

"I haven't been the same since," Roenick said, fully admitting the blow might have jarred a few screws loose. "That was one of the best things that ever happened to me in my life. I'll never forget that.

"He probably did it unconsciously, and yet it had a large effect on my life," Roenick declared. "One of the best players of all time took a second to play a joke on *me*, and nobody else. It took less than a second to do and it made me feel great."

Today Roenick makes fans feel great with his approachability and his style of play.

"I don't want to be known as a player who plays only offense, plays only defense, or is a fighter or a tough guy," he said. "I want to bring as much to the table as possible. It allows me to play a different kind of game in every situation."

"I don't fear people. I try not to fear anything on the ice." - Jeremy Roenick

"He loves to play hockey," said Blackhawks right wing Tony Amonte, a high school teammate of Roenick's at Tabor Academy in Boston.

Because Roenick loves to play, fans love to watch. MD

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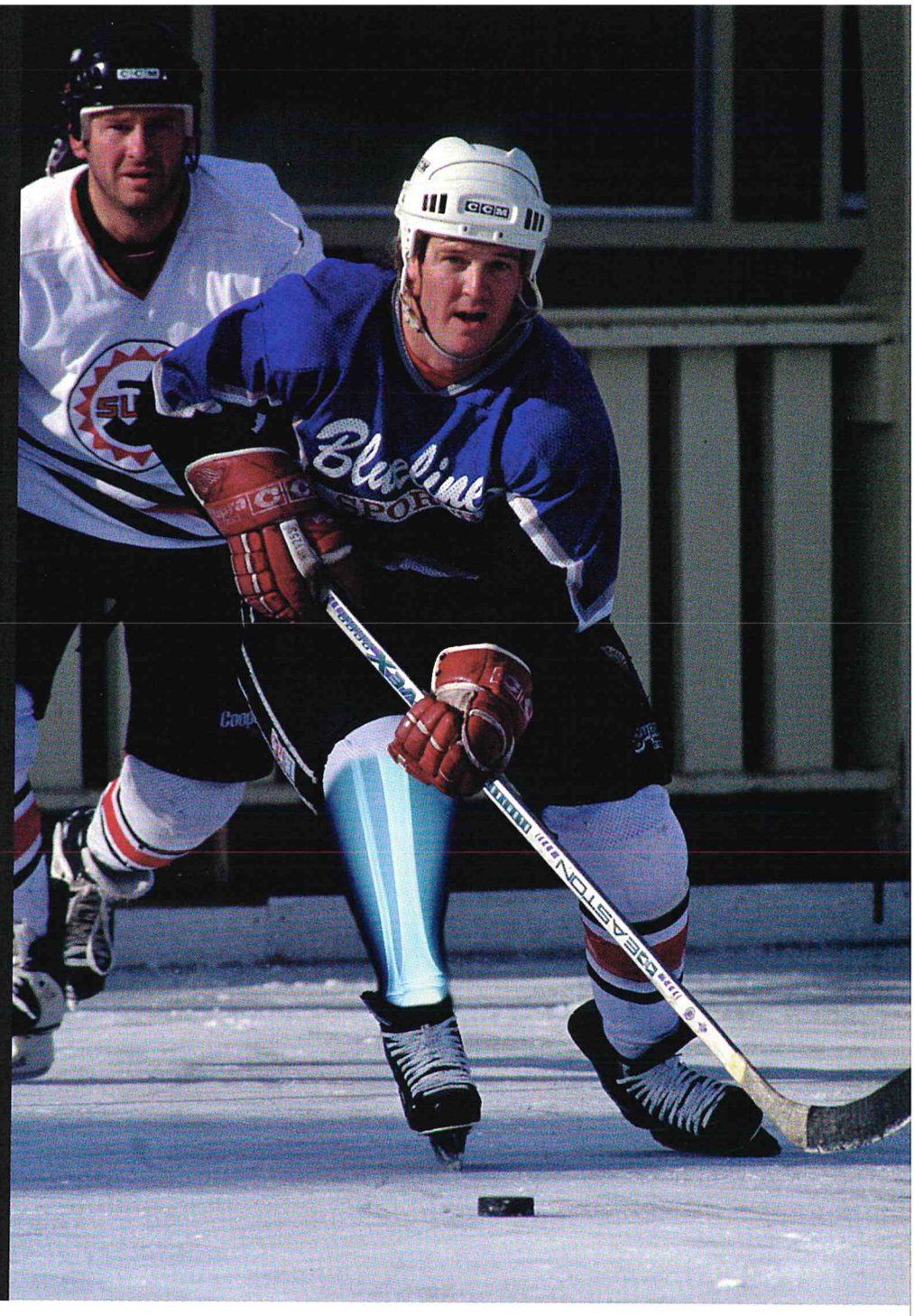

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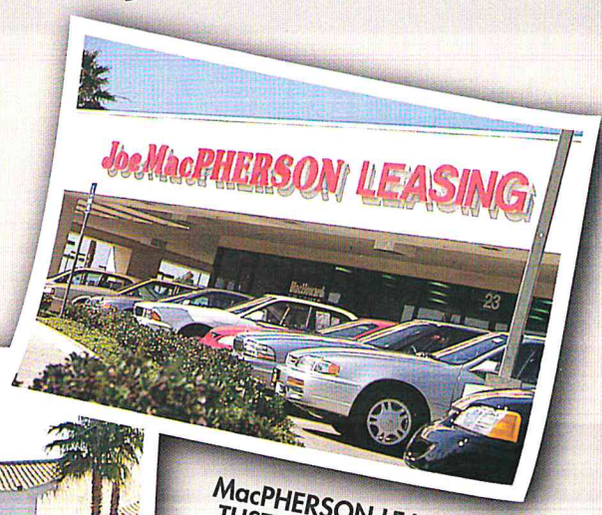

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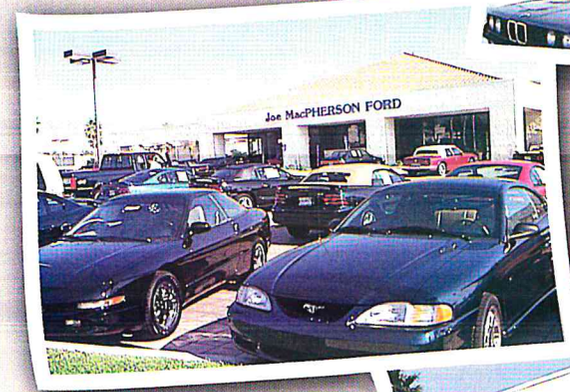

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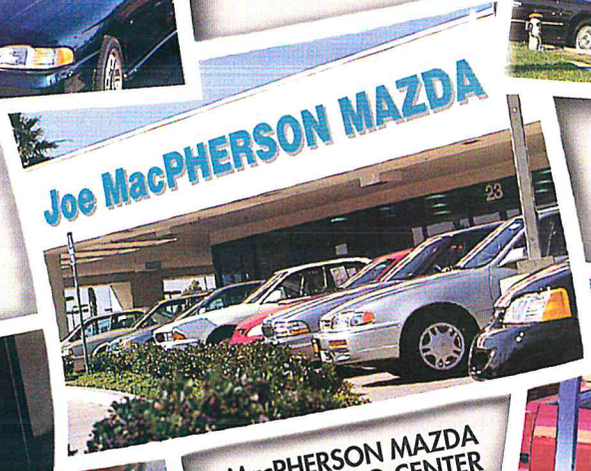

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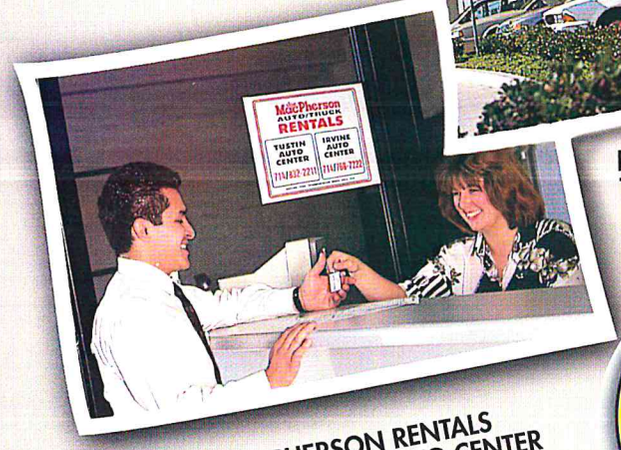

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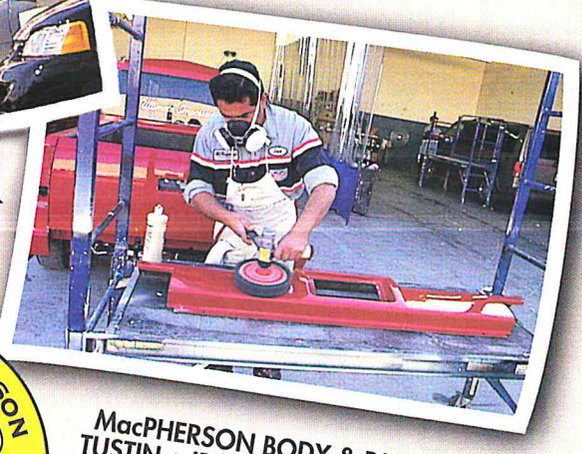

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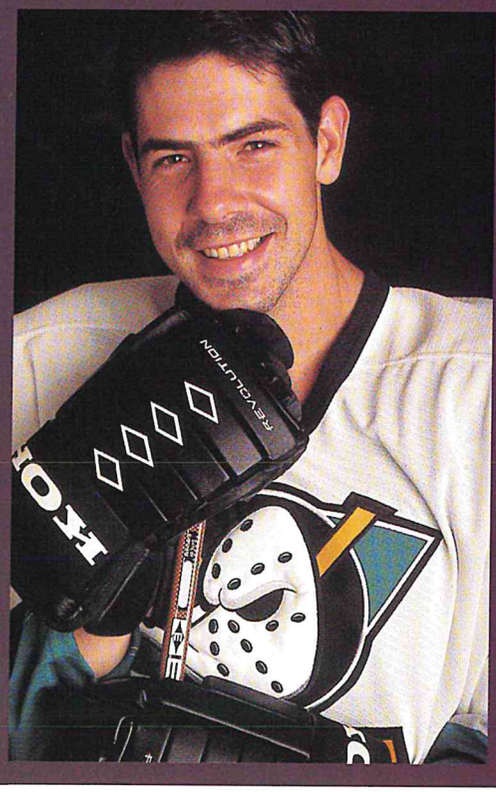

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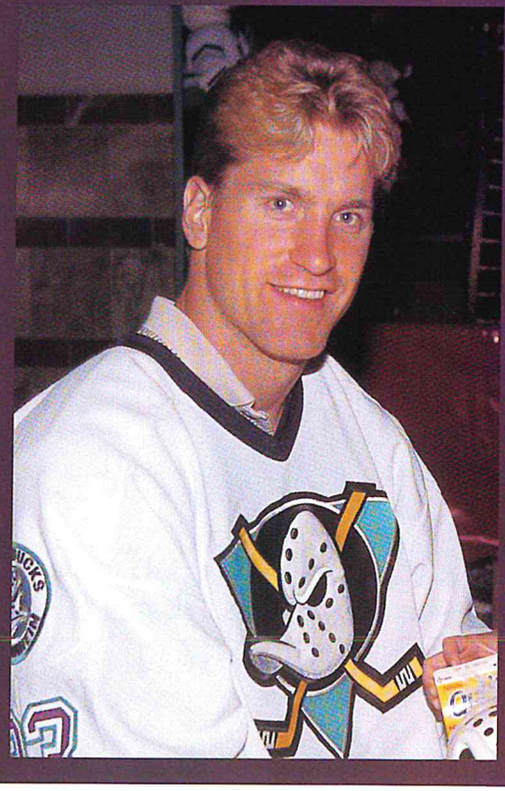

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Ten QUESTIONS

1 *Why is it that hockey players make such good golfers?*

I think it has a lot to do with the hand-eye coordination in both sports. In hockey you hit a puck and in golf you hit a ball and it mimics the same swing. Our off-season correlates well with the golf season.

2 *With a short season in your home state of Minnesota, how did you get so good at golf?*

I started to play when I was four years old so I think the big reason is because I've played the game so many years.

3 *Do you watch golf on television in addition to playing?*

Not really. I'll watch the majors but I don't watch the other tournaments.

4 *What is your favorite major tournament?*

The Masters.

5 *Who is your favorite golfer?*

Freddie Couples.

6 *Do you play in a lot of tournaments these days?*

No, I really don't play in very many tournaments any more. I used to play in a lot of tournaments when I was younger but now that I only play once or twice a week, I'll just go out and play with the boys for few dollars for fun. I do play in a few charity tournaments here and there.

7 *What is your game like?*

I kinda hit it as far as I can, hopefully find it, then hit it again.

8 *Do you ever go to PGA tournaments to watch golf?*

I went to the Masters in '87, the year Sandy Lyle won. I was a sophomore in high school and that was pretty neat to see the pro players in person.

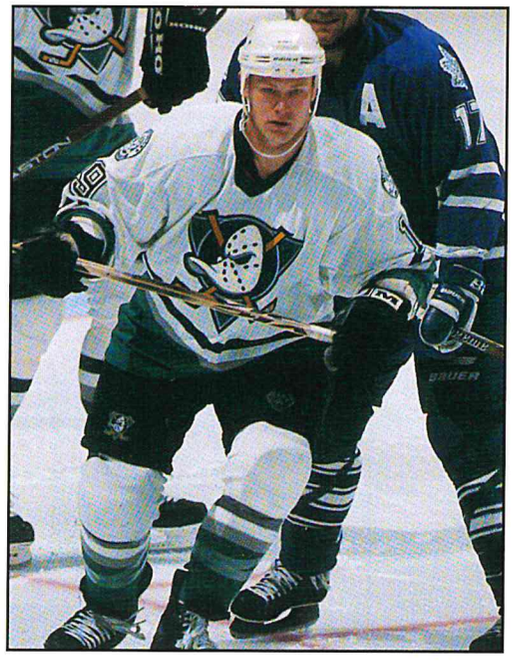
9 *Of all the courses you've played, what's your favorite?*

I'd have to say San Francisco Golf Club was the best I've ever played.

10 *Would you like to be involved in golf after your hockey career is over?*

I haven't really thought about it; there are a lot of players who can shoot even par. I don't know about making money as a golfer, but somewhere in the business as a rep or as an assistant pro could definitely be a possibility somewhere down the line.

— DOUG WARD



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You Gotta Have... Hartsburg

New Mighty Ducks Coach Craig Hartsburg insists that his team play with the same drive and enthusiasm he brings to his job

By Merit Tully

In a profession where egos and attitudes run rampant, Craig Hartsburg's pace is different. From his tone to his words, Hartsburg proves to be a calming, convincing voice irrespective of the subject. Now beginning his first extended stay in Southern California, it's hard for the soft-spoken coach to think or speak about anything but hockey.

"Being here has been great so far. I won't see much more than the inside of the rink and hockey tapes until June," he said. "I wouldn't like it any other way, though."

Taking the Mighty Ducks to new heights became Hartsburg's responsibility on July 21. From that point forward he has worked diligently to prepare for the 1998-99 season. At the press conference to announce his hiring, Hartsburg laid out specific expectations. "We will have a work ethic that is second to none in the National Hockey League," he said. "We are next going to demand discipline. This trait will be shown in many ways, not only in our play, but off the ice as well. The next thing will be a team-first attitude that I believe in. Though it's getting harder and harder to build that sort of team, it's something the good ones still have."

And throughout this year's training camp and preseason the Ducks have proven his point. Hartsburg believes

his penchant for hard work is something players are not born with, but rather taught. "We've had to learn how to work hard, not once in a while, but every day. Then you have to take pride in it," he said. "It's a pride thing, and we are challenging ourselves every day with that work ethic. It was certainly here two seasons ago when they had a great year, and we are just trying to get back to that point and exceed from there."

> ***"He's set the tone for what kind of team we're going to be. He's looking for us to be hardworking and play an 'in your face' style of hockey. We're definitely off to the right start."***
> ***— TRAVIS GREEN***

As a player, Hartsburg's work ethic was second to none on the ice and off of it. Much of his idea of a team spirit comes from his 10 seasons as a Minnesota North Star. A noted two-way defenseman, Hartsburg served as team captain for six seasons. A three-time NHL All-Star, his most productive offensive season came in 1981-82, when he scored 17 goals and had 60 assists in 76 contests.

Do the players respect Hartsburg a little more knowing what he's done in his past?

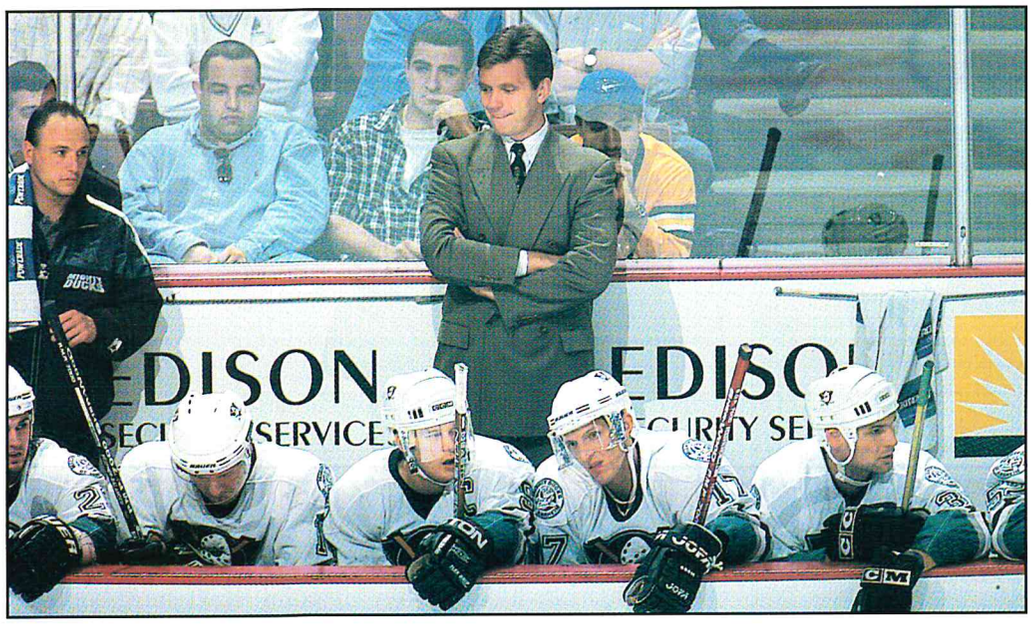
Craig doesn't think so. "I'm not relying on any of that to help me," he said. "It's how I coach every day that will help us win, and nothing I did 10 years ago. What I do today is the only important thing."

After being forced to retire due to injuries, Hartsburg wasn't ready to leave the game he cared so much for. Like most, he felt he still had a place in hockey, he just had to find it. Always a great communicator, Hartsburg decided on coaching. "When you're playing, you don't think too much about what you'll be doing when those playing days are over. But, as a player, I was always interested in the X's and O's of the game, and why certain things were done," he said. "As I got closer to the end, I knew it was something I wanted to pursue."

When jumping into the new profession, Hartsburg didn't try to copy any one person's style. Instead, he looked at his whole life's experience and pieced the most important aspects together. "I think that in playing the game, you learn something from every coach that you've played for," he said, in a confident tone. "The person who has the most influence on you I believe is your father, especially in a hockey crazy country like Canada. Once you start coaching, you begin to start looking at the coaches that have had success, like Scotty Bowman, Al Arbour and Pat Burns. Those guys have had success every year, and you just try to take little things from them."

One of Craig's strengths is his ability to work with and develop younger talent, which is abundant in Anaheim. While many coaches would get frustrated with players who do not perform up to a certain level, he worries more about effort level. "The only thing that frustrates any coach is when you don't get guys playing to their potential," he said. "Not everyone is a skill player, and not everyone has the same skill level. But if players don't cheat themselves and give all they have, that's all I can ask for."

And Craig's teams seem to respond. In 1994-95, his only season as a minor league head coach, he led the Guelph Storm to a record of 47-14-5. The mark was a 15-game improvement over their prior season. The next year Hartsburg took on the responsibility of Chicago Blackhawks head coach. The Hawks finished the regular season with a record of 40-28-14, and advanced to the Western Conference Semi-Finals.



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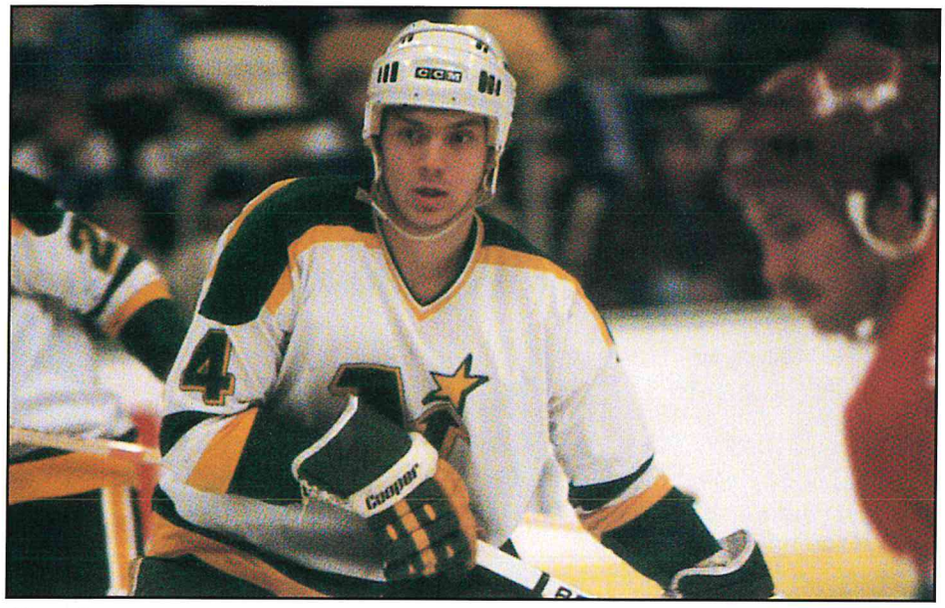
From the moment Hartsburg was hired, he spoke of his plan to make the Ducks hard-working and team-oriented.



Hartsburg was a three-time All-Star with the Minnesota North Stars.

Craig believes much of that success is due to the up-front nature of his coaching technique. "Our whole coaching staff is a group that every day the players know where were coming from. We communicate our message directly. They might not like hearing it day in and day out, but they will appreciate knowing exactly where we're coming from," he said.

That style has already left an impression with the Mighty Duck players. "I like what I've seen so far and I think everyone does. He's played the game and I think that only helps him from a coaching standpoint," said center Travis Green. "He's going to ask us to work hard and as a player all you can ask for is to know that a coach is aware of your hard work. As a team we're going to be very tenacious."

Added center Josef Marha: "He's a pretty quiet guy and doesn't yell too much, but he works hard and believes we should work hard, too."

When choosing his staff, Hartsburg made sure to select a group that could relate to each and every athlete. His assistants, Newell Brown and George Burnett, share common goals and bring with them a wide range of experiences. "To start with, both of my assistants are real quality people. Both of them are character guys, and we share many of the same values from hockey to our everyday lives. They come from different backrounds, but both have experience with young players," he said convincingly. "George coached in Junior and the NHL, while Newell coached in college. Overall, I think we have a very well rounded staff and we complement each other very well."

As a staff, Hartsburg, Brown and Burnett laid out goals at the beginning of training camp. While every team's goal is to win the Stanley Cup, Craig also believes in aspiring to short-term plateaus. "You have to set some short-term goals besides making the playoffs. We are going to use goals that are under our control that involve our work and discipline. The type of things that we can reach for every day," he said.

Craig Hartsburg consistently pushes himself every day. Ten years as an NHL player attest to his ability to perform. Now, in his performance as a coach, he's asking the Ducks to demonstrate the same kind of commitment. Though soft-spoken and humble, this coach assertively holds a strong unmovable belief. Not in himself, but in the team, whose talent and desire will make them great. MD

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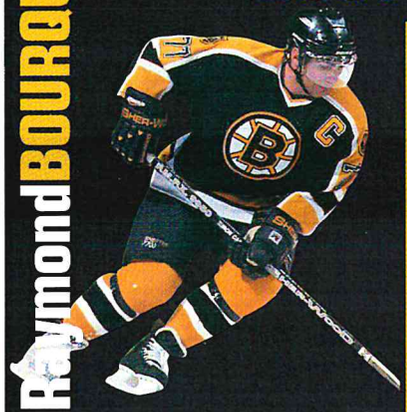

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Coming off a first round loss in the Stanley Cup Playoffs to the Washington Capitals, the Bruins entered 1998-99 with renewed hope. A second-place finisher in the Northeast Conference, Boston re-signed Dmitri Khristich, their leader in power play goals with 13, and may have uncovered a budding superstar in Jason Allison. The 23-year-old Allison is beginning his third year in the NHL after leading the Bruins in goals (33), assists (50) and points (83). Allison finished with a plus/minus of +33, good for third in the NHL last season.

On defense, the Bruins return one of the most disciplined units in the league. Boston averaged a league second-best 13.6 minutes in penalties per contest. Their captain and undoubted leader is Ray Bourque. The 19-year NHL veteran improved upon his historic, Hall-of-Fame career by scoring 48 points a season ago.

PHOENIXCoyotes • Oct. 25

Two of the grittiest players in the league hail from Phoenix. Settling a contract dispute with left winger Keith Thachuk was a priority in the desert. Tkachuk stayed true to his grinding style last season when he posted 40 goals and 147 penalty minutes. The Melrose, Mass., native scored 11 power play goals while netting eight game winners. Jeremy Roenick, the only American-born player to gain three 100-point seasons in a career, can still dominate games as one of the premier centermen in the world.

From the blue line, defenseman Teppo Numminen is an offensive force. The Finnish-born, 30-year-old scored 51 points last year while leading the team in plus/minus ratio with a +25.

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TAMPA BAYLightning • Oct. 28

RobZAMUNER

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The Lightning look for their first playoff appearance in franchise history in 1998-99. After what was considered a successful first season in the NHL in '96-97, the production dropped off last season as the team finished with just 44 points and a meager 17 victories.

The Lightning added to their lineup with the additions of two veteran left wingers. Wendel Clark, who scored 12-7=19 points for Toronto last season in just 47 games, and Benoit Hogue add depth to a squad desperately in need of offensive help. Tampa Bay finished 26th in the NHL on the power play last season and averaged just 1.8 goals-per-game overall. Rob Zamuner is a top defensive forward, but in order for Tampa Bay to turn its team around, Paul Ysebaert and Mikael Renberg must get help in carrying the offensive load.

ST.LOUISBlues • Nov. 4

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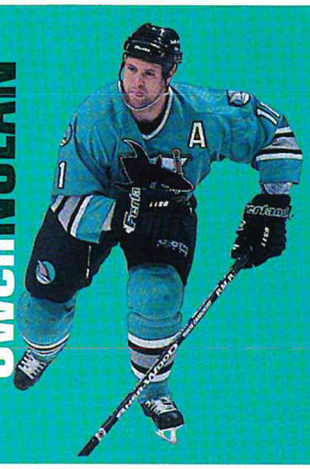
St. Louis is coming off a successful season that saw the team finish with 98 points (45-29-8) and lose to eventual Stanley Cup Champion Detroit in the Western Conference semifinals.

An active offseason saw the Blues re-sign some of their own big-name free agents, such as Pierre Turgeon, Geoff Courtnall and Jim Campbell, while losing Brett Hull to Dallas and Steve Duchesne to the Kings. Turgeon led the team with a 12-game point streak (7-11=18), while Hull and Russ Courtnall led the team offensively. Grant Fuhr also turned in a solid performance in goal.

SANJOSESharks • Nov. 6



OwenNOLAN

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The Sharks qualified for the playoffs last season after failing to make postseason play in the two previous seasons. A first round loser to the eventual Stanley Cup finalist Dallas Stars, the Sharks could once again hold their heads high.

San Jose was a remarkable 28-0-4 when leading a game after two periods. This offseason they signed free agents Gary Suter and Ronnie Sturn in order to help their offensive star Jeff Friesen. The 22-year-old scored scored 31-32=63 points to lead the Sharks in every major offensive catagory. Right winger Owen Nolan hopes to rebound from a disappointing 14-goal season.

DETROITRedWings • Nov. 8

SergeiFEDOROV

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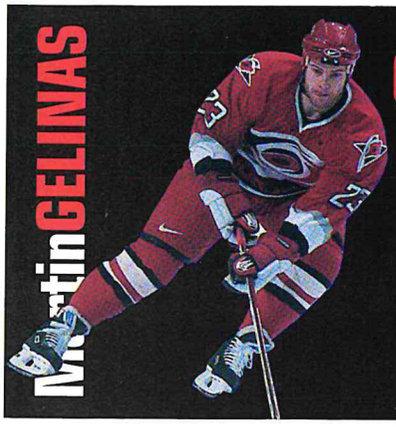
® The Motor City enjoyed its ninth Stanley Cup last season, and expects nothing less this year. In fact, the Red Wings may be improved this season. The addition of defensman Uwe Krupp, a 31-point performer with a +21 plus/minus rating a season ago, will complement the already deep and talented group assembled by general manager Ken Holland.

Back once again are superstars Steve Yzerman and Sergei Fedorov. Yzerman used his blazing speed to lead the team in assists (45) and points (69). Fedorov, slowed by a lengthy contract holdout, came on to win the Conn Smythe Trophy.

CAROLINAHurricanes • Nov. 11



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CAROLINA HURRICANES

Carolina looks to improve on a last-place finish in the Northeast Division of the Eastern Conference. They will get help from free agent newcomers Ron Francis and Al Iafrate. Francis scored 25-62=87 points last season for Pittsburgh. The 6-3, 200-pound center's point total was second on the Penguins for the year.

The Hurricanes were paced by center Keith Primeau in 1997-98. He led the team in almost every offensive catagory, including goals (26), assists (37), points (63), power-play goals (7), shorthanded goals (3) and plus/minus ratio (+19).

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NHL Rule Changes

The Ducks radio team debates the merit of NHL rule changes designed to create more offense

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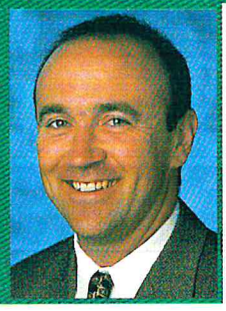

Every major sport has tinkered with their game in recent years in order to produce the one thing that translates to more excitement: Offense. Regardless of the sport, the search for offense is constant because more offense translates into more fans.

Recent history has seen the NBA institute the three-point line, the NFL go to great lengths to protect its quarterbacks, and Major League Baseball shrink its strike zone, all in hopes of generating more offense. It's a tightrope each league has tried to walk in order to keep longtime fans rabid while turning newer, often times younger fans, on to the sport.

It took time, but changes have taken hold and are, at least partly, responsible for a growth surge in all three sports.

After years of research, the NHL now appears serious about joining the search for more offense. A common goal of jump-starting offenses around the league links each of the "new rules." It's obvious the NHL is looking to promote goal-scoring from a cameo role to the lead at arenas across North America. The trick, of course, is to tinker with the rules without tampering with the integrity of the game.

It's no secret that the lure of the NHL has always been its combination of speed, finesse, and power. The dilemma has been finding a way of keeping those three elements from being mutually exclusive of one another. While we will have to reassess the situation in a couple of months, the "new rules" should accentuate hockey's unique appeal and lift the NHL to new heights this season. MD

THEcaseAGAINST

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It's true that the essential ingredients of hockey are speed, skill and physical play.

In order for hockey to grow, it's important to market those characteristics that are the essence of our game. Under Commissioner Gary Bettman, the league's marketing efforts have improved by leaps and bounds.

We need to be careful, however, not to get caught up in sacrificing the heritage and tradition of our game for a quick marketing fix.

The NHL, in fact, has always kept a close monitor on the game's watchability and has acted accordingly.

From the continually improving use of video replays, to this season's preseason experiment to remove the redline for all calls other than icing, the NHL prudently assesses possible rule revisions and the likely ramifications. The league makes proactive modifications in the best interest of the game, regardless of whether the change results in more offense or tighter defense.

In the 1980s, for example, offense was in vogue and scoring was at an all-time high. Skilled teams (a.k.a. the Edmonton Oilers) tried to ensure three-on-three situations by forcing coincidental minor penalties when both teams were already down a man in order to exploit the extra ice available. The league stopped the practice of putting men in the box in that situation.

Today, strong, physical defense is all the rage. Therefore, the league is focusing on revisions that promote speed on the attack. The NHL always looks at the best interest of the game, seeking the perfect blend of speed, skill and physical play. The

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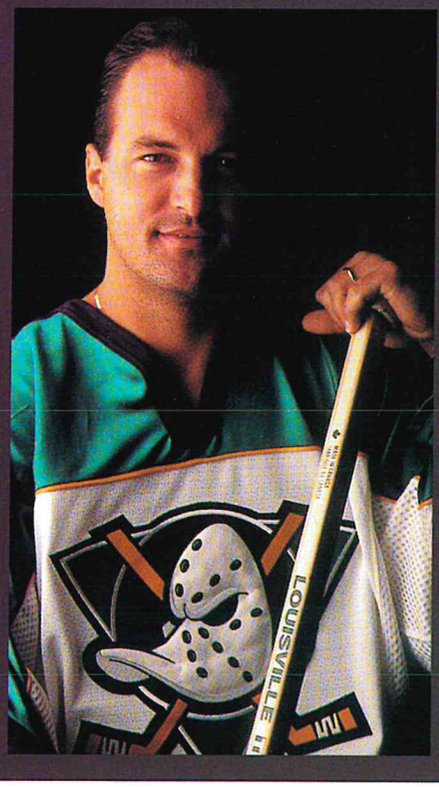

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Learning Kurvers

Ex-Duck Tom Kurvers is picking up a new trade — scout for the Phoenix Coyotes

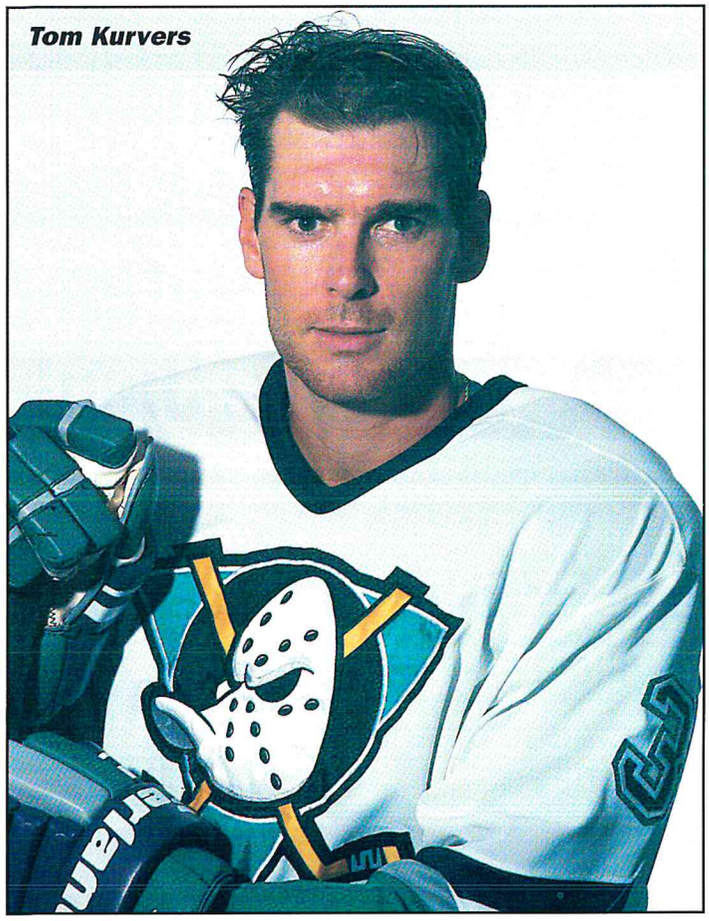
BY Doug WARD

Former Mighty Ducks defenseman Tom Kurvers looks back on his NHL playing career fondly but would prefer to look forward. Maybe that's because he planned for his post-hockey life as diligently as he trained for his playing career. A career that included a Hobey Baker Award at Minnesota-Duluth, a Stanley Cup with the Montreal Canadiens and a seven-year run in the NHL.

Kurvers played his final NHL season with the Ducks in 1994-95. "Anaheim was my seventh and last team and it was my favorite spot on the NHL circuit," says Kurvers, now a pro scout for the Phoenix Coyotes says.

"My wife and I loved the area. It's a great place to live and we met a lot of terrific people. As players, we were well taken care of. It was a great organization to be a part of because everyone there was so professional."

Kurvers always knew his playing career was finite so he prepared himself for life after hockey. "Tom was a rarity among professional athletes in that he was always thinking about the future," said Bill Robertson, vice president of communications for the Minnesota Wild, who was the Ducks P.R. director during Kurvers tenure. "He was always thinking ahead, planning for the future and trying to learn as much as he could."



Tom Kurvers

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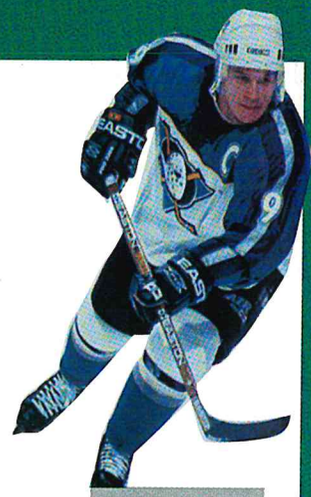
Since leaving Anaheim, Kurvers has learned plenty. First, he spent a year playing hockey in Japan. "Jack Ferreira actually set that up for me," Kurvers says. "There was a team in Japan that was looking for one former NHL player and Jack recommended me. It turned out to be one of the best experiences of my career."

Kurvers then completed work on an MBA in sports management at St. Thomas University in St. Paul, Minn., before spending a year as color analyst on Coyote radio broadcasts.

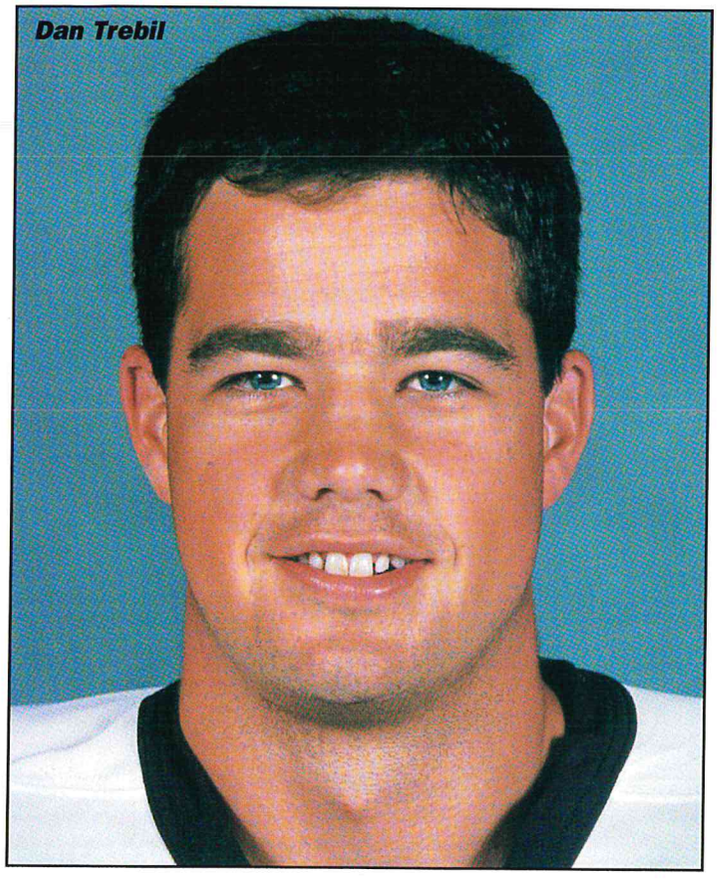
"I enjoyed the radio work but moving into scouting crosses me over to hockey operations," Kurvers says. "That's the area I'm most interested in."

Kurvers ultimately aspires to become a G.M. That's in the future but, for Tom Kurvers, there's no time like the present to start planning for the future. MD

Trebil Turns it Up



After getting NHL experience the last two seasons, Dan Trebil is ready to stay



Dan Trebil

Dan Trebil has had a taste of the NHL and it has left him wanting more. After playing in 29 games for the Ducks at the end of the 1996-97 season and 21 games in Anaheim last year, Trebil is clearly a player on the rise. At 6-4 and 217 pounds, Trebil has the size of the prototypical '90s defenseman.

Trebil made an impression two years ago by stepping into the Ducks lineup when a string of injuries in Anaheim prompted his recall from the minors.

He made his NHL debut in storied Maple Leaf Gardens, hoping only to blend in. "I was really nervous," Trebil said. "I got called up the night before, at about midnight. I was on the plane at 7:00 a.m. to meet the team in Toronto. We didn't have a pre-game skate, so I was just hoping to get there and get a feel for it. The guys were so great to me and came right over and introduced themselves."

One of the players who made Trebil feel most comfortable was a superstar by the name of Teemu Selanne. Not only with his actions, but with his words.

"It was a big surprise for everyone, how well Dan played," Selanne said. "He didn't try to do any of those fancy things. He's very strong and very good one-on-one."

Center Steve Rucchin was also impressed with the way Trebil acquitted himself under fire. "He stepped in like a veteran of many years and showed a lot of poise back there," Rucchin said.

Much of Trebil's success has been a result of his poise and intelligence. A coach's kid, Trebil learned the fundamentals from the time he first laced on the skates. He and another future Duck, Mike Crowley, played under his dad, Greg Trebil, while growing up in Bloomington, Minn.

At the University of Minnesota — where Trebil and Crowley were again teammates — Trebil majored in civil engineering while playing on the Gopher hockey team and was the Western Collegiate Hockey Association's Student Athlete of the Year in 1996.

Trebil's present is in Cincinnati — he's ticketed to start the season with Cincinnati Mighty Ducks, Anaheim's American Hockey League affiliate to start the year. But his future is in Anaheim, where he's one the team's most promising future Ducks.

— Doug Ward MD

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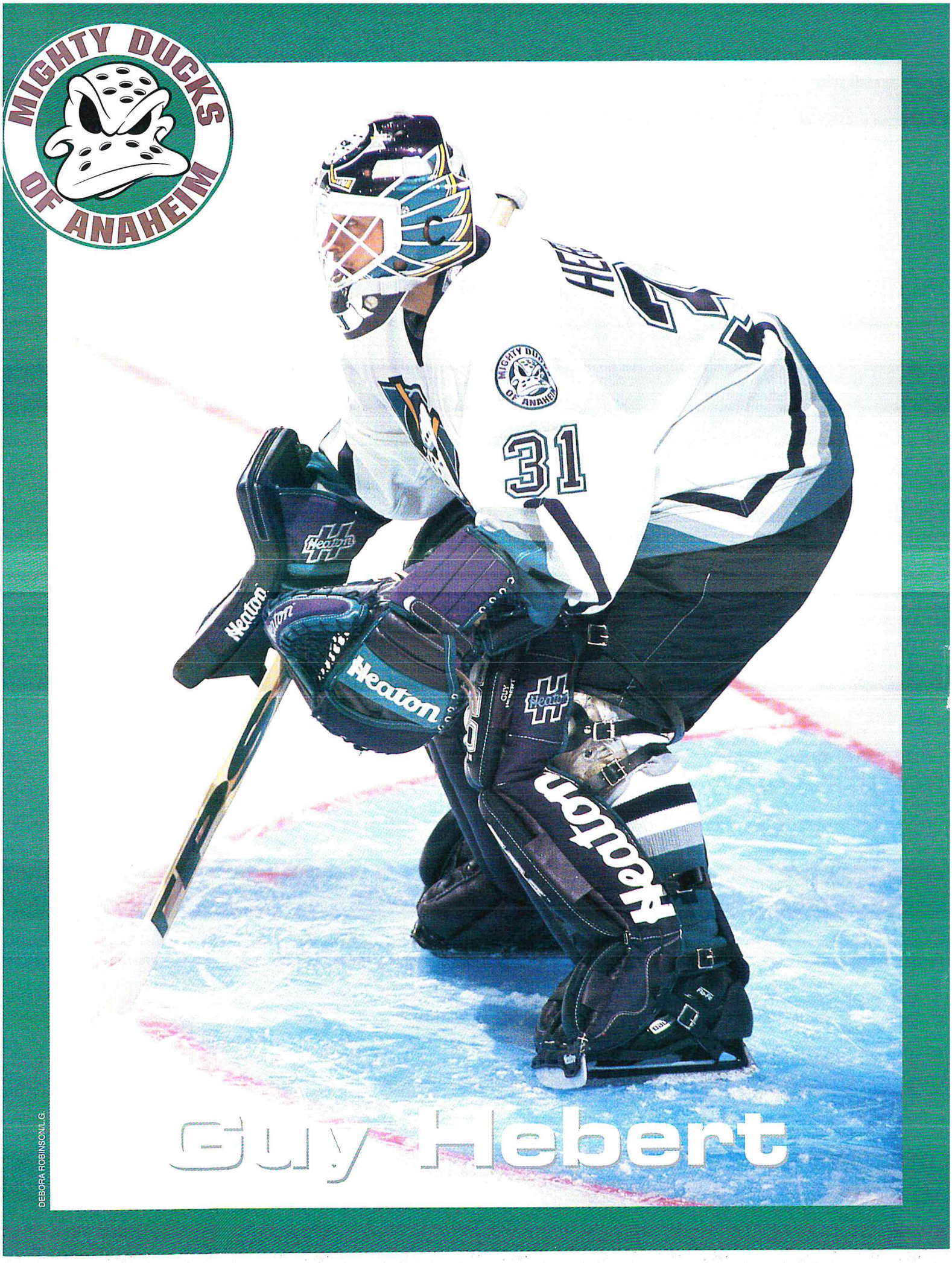

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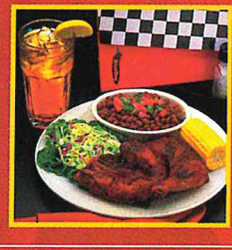

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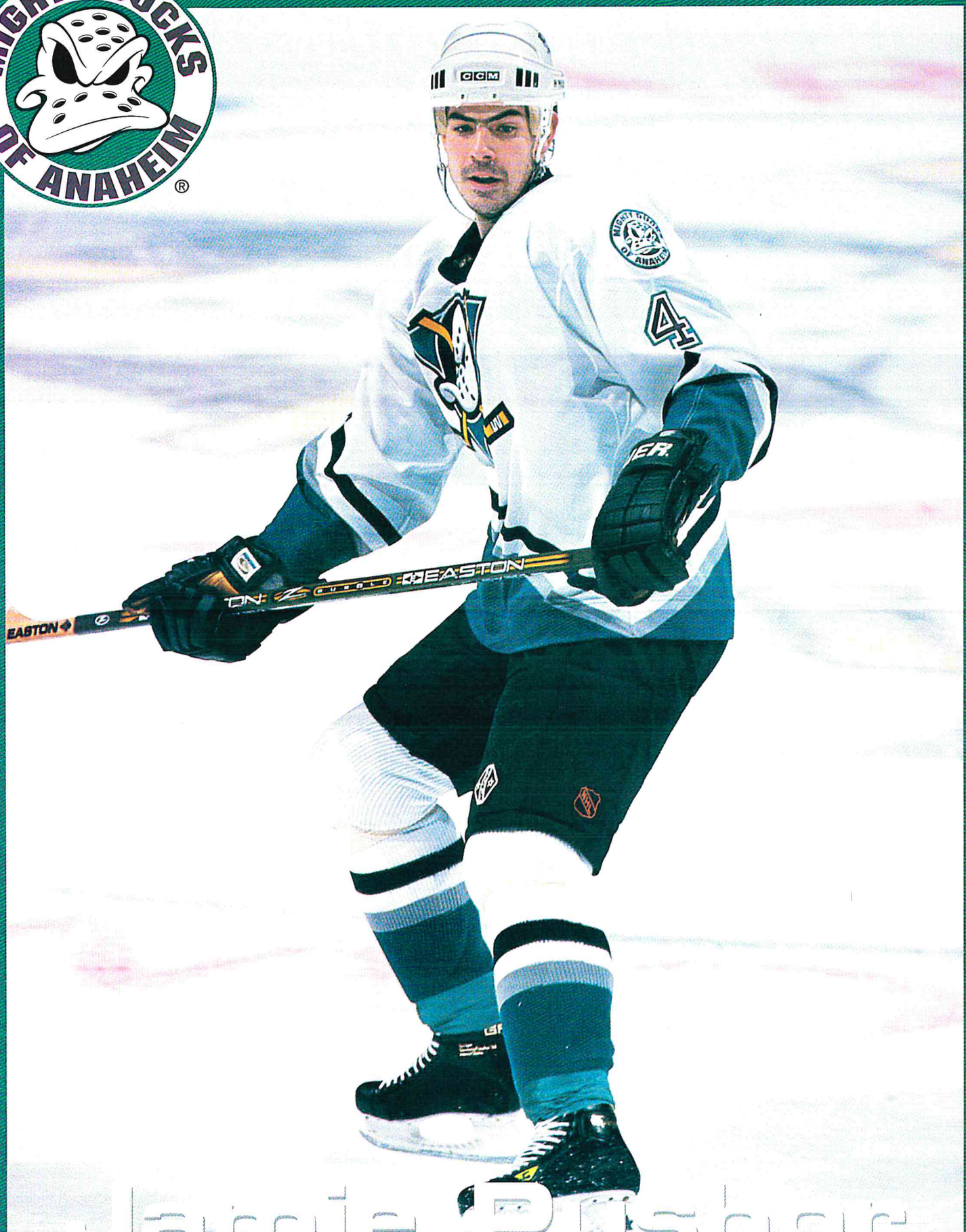

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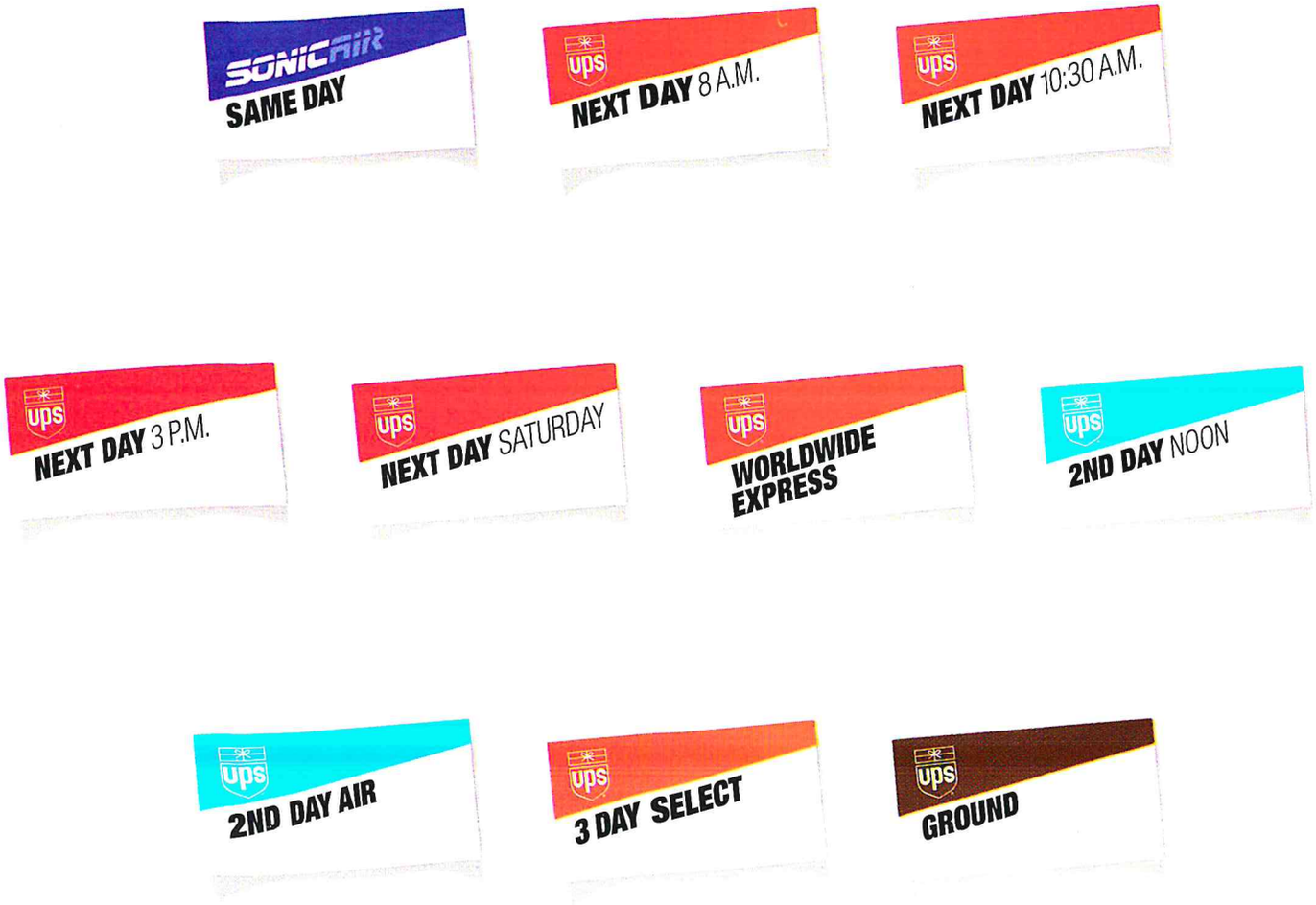

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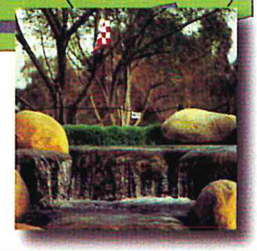

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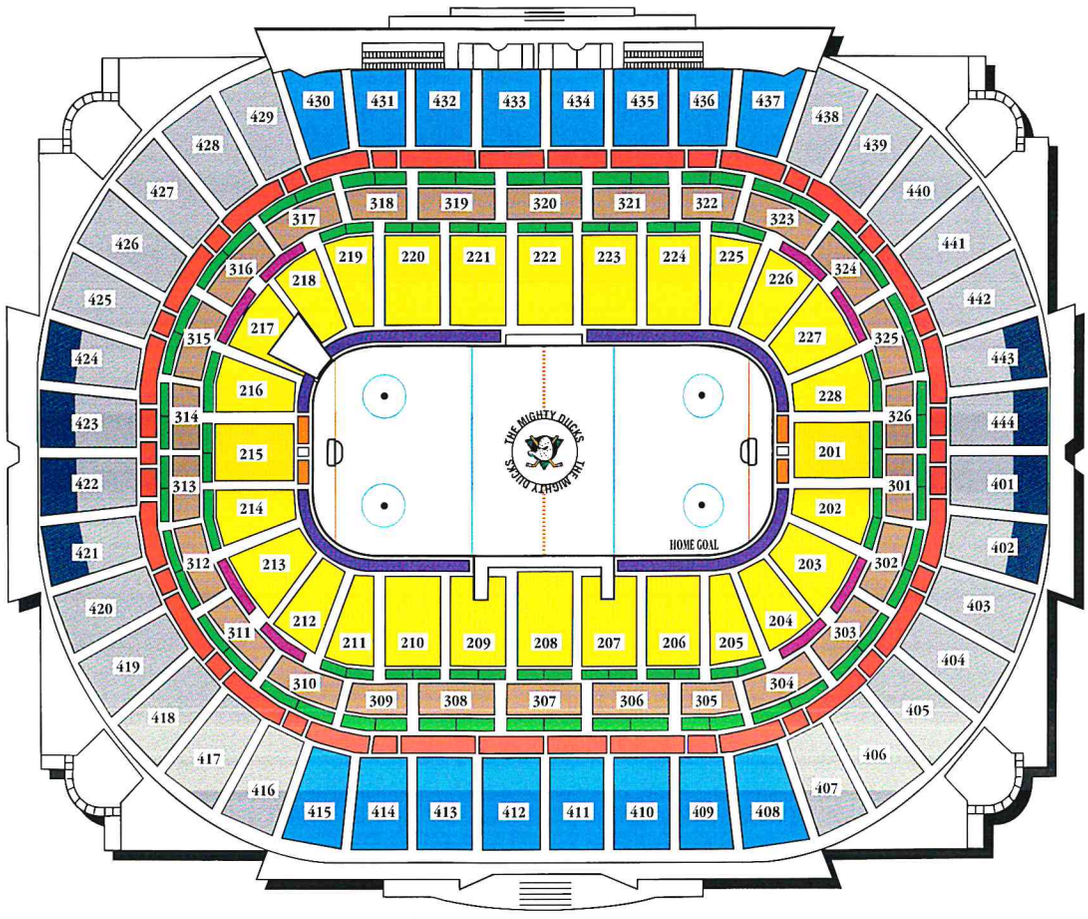

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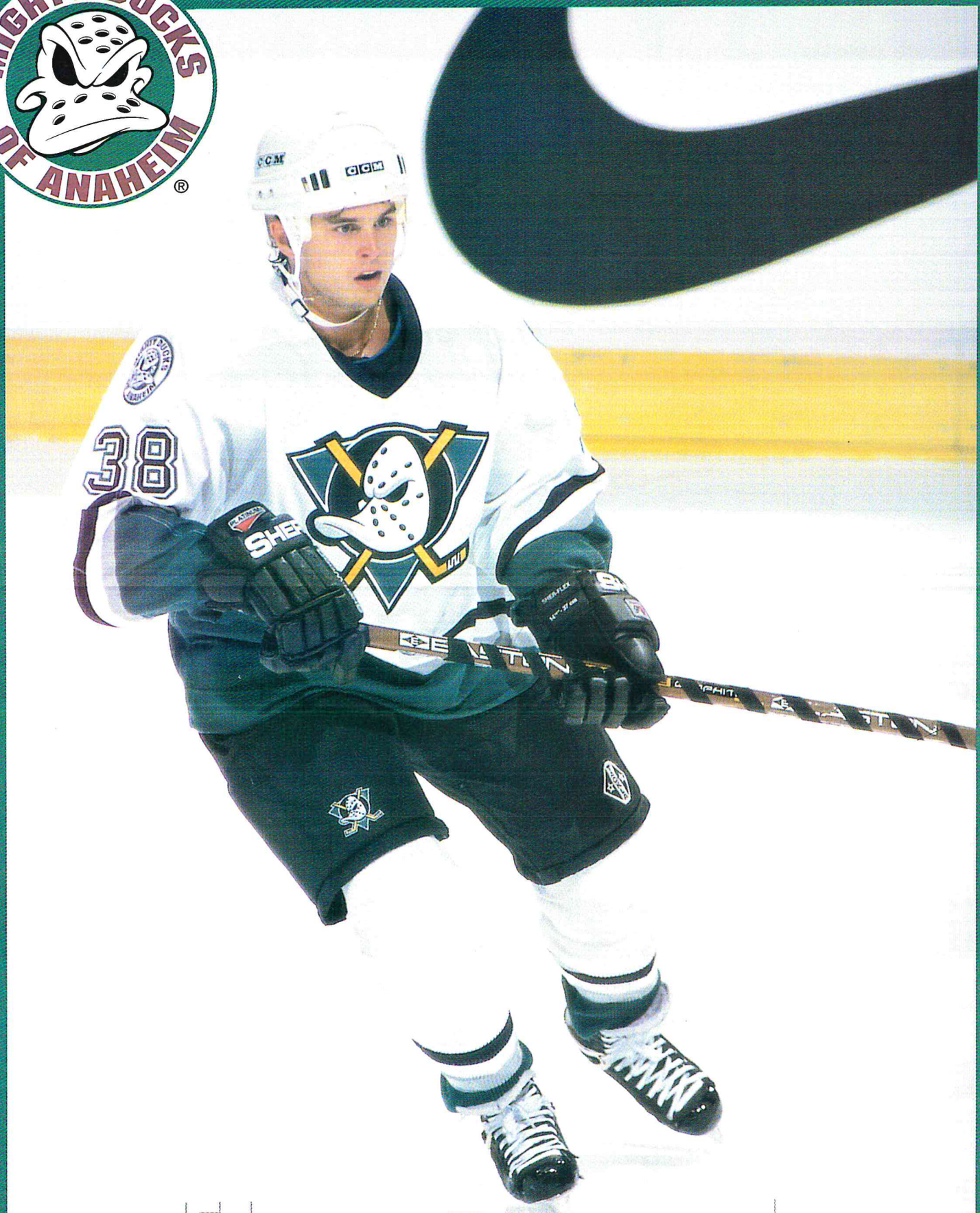

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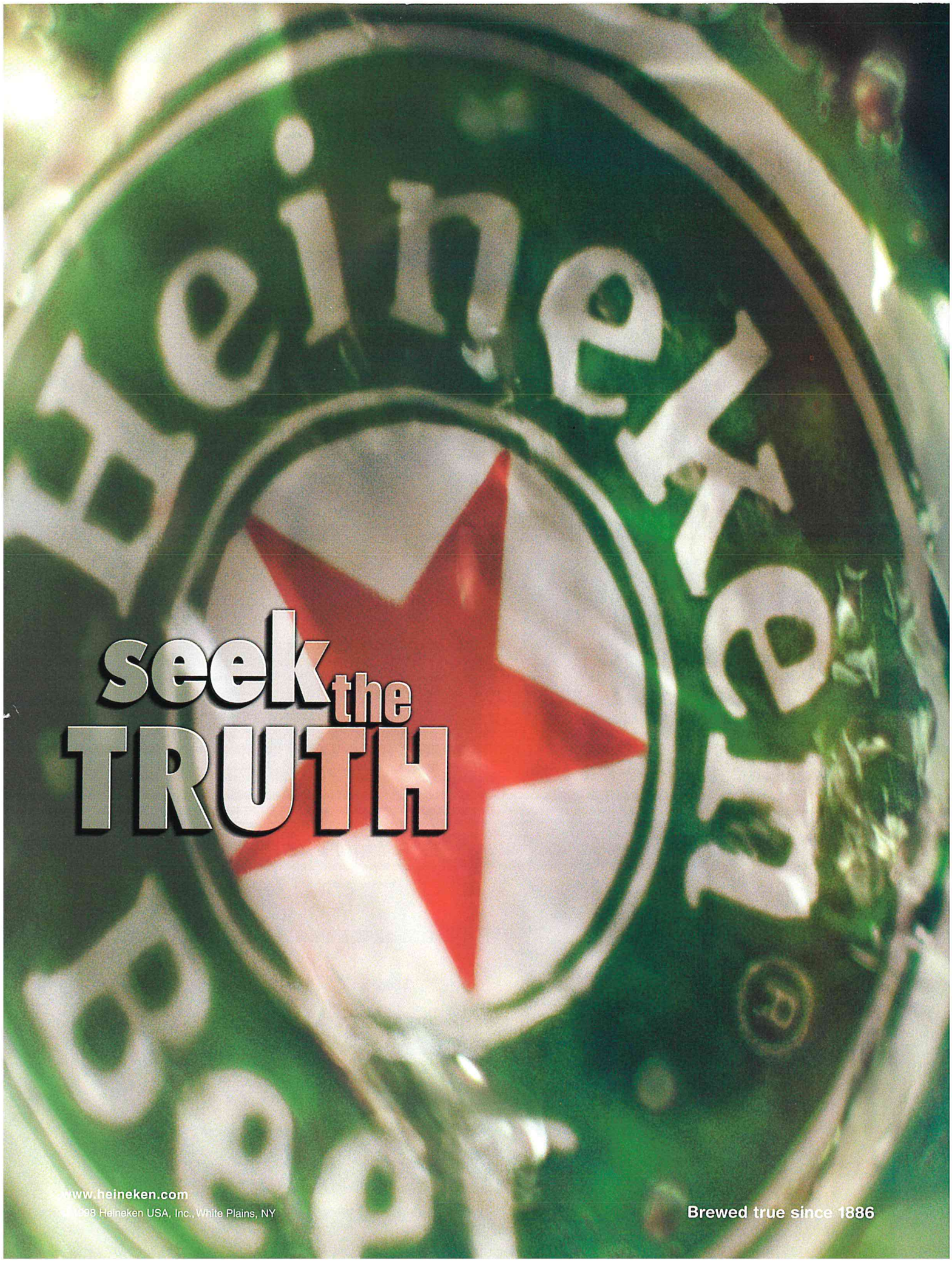
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SEPTEMBER

• PRE-SEASON GAME

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	14	15	16	17	18	• 19 PHX 7:35
• 20 CGY 5:35	21	• 22 LA 7:35	• 23 COL 7:05	24	25	• 26 COL 6:05
27	• 28 LA 7:35	29	30			

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	• 2 NSH 4:35	• 3 NSH 5:35
4	5	• 6 PHX 7:05	7	8	9	TV9 10 WAS 4:05
TV9 11 PHI 4:05	12	FSW2 13 MON 4:05	14	FSW2 15 CHI 5:35	16	17
18	19	20	FSW2 21 BOS 7:35	22	23	24
TV9 25 PHX 5:05	26	27	FSW2 28 TB 7:35	29	30 DAL 5:35	31 STL 5:05

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	FSW2 4 STL 7:35	5	FSW2 6 SJ 7:35	7
FSW2 8 DET 5:05	9	10	FSW2 11 CAR 5:05	12	FSW2 13 VAN 7:05	TV9 14 CGY 7:05
15	FSW2 16 LA 7:35	17	FSW2 18 NYR 7:35	19	TV9 20 EDM 7:35	21
TV9 22 CHI 5:05	23	24	FSW2 25 DET 4:35	26	FSW2 27 NSH 5:05	28
29 CAR 2:05	30					

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		FSW2 1 PIT 4:35	2	TV9 3 CHI 5:35	4	5
TV9 6 SJ 7:35	7	8	TV9 9 VAN 7:35	10	FSW2 11 WAS 7:35	12
TV9 13 LA 5:05	14	15	FSW2 16 NSH 7:35	17	FSW2 18 NYI 7:35	19
20	FSW2 21 COL 7:35	FSW2 22 COL 6:05	23	24	25	26
27	28 OTT 4:05	29	30 TOR 4:35	31		

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 BUF 12:05	2 BOS 4:05
3	4 NSH 5:05	5	FSW2 6 BUF 7:35	7	FSW2 8 PHX 7:35	9
TV9 10 EDM 5:05	11	12	FSW2 13 CGY 7:35	14	FSW2 15 DAL 6:35	16
17	FSW2 18 PIT 7:35	19	20 NJ 7:35	21 PHX 6:05	22	23
ALL STAR(TB) 24	25	26	FSW2 27 COL 7:35	28 COL 6:05	29	30 EDM 5:05
31						

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 CHI 7:35	4	FSW2 5 TB 4:05	TV9 6 STL 5:05
7	8	9	FSW2 10 PHI 7:35	11	FSW2 12 DAL 7:35	13
ESPN 14 PHX 5:05	15 LA 5:05	16	17 EDM 7:35	18	19 CGY 6:05	TV9 20 VAN 7:05
21	22	23	24 EDM 6:05	25	FSW2 26 SJ 7:35	TV9 27 SJ 7:35
28						

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	* 1	2	TV9 3 LA 7:35	4	FSW2 5 NSH 7:35	6
ESPN 7 DET 5:05	8	9	FSW2 10 VAN 7:35	11	FSW2 12 DAL 5:35	TV9 13 PHX 6:05
14	15	16	FSW2 17 OTT 7:35	18 LA 7:35	19	20
21 FLA 5:05	22	23	24	25	FSW2 26 DAL 7:35	27
TV9 28 CGY 7:05	29	30	FSW2 31 NJ 4:35			

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	FSW2 2 NYR 4:35	FSW2 3 NYI 4:05
4	FSW2 5 DET 4:35	6	FSW2 7 DAL 5:35	8	TV9 9 SJ 7:35	10
TV9 11 PHX 5:05	12	13	FSW2 14 STL 7:35	15 LA 7:35	16	TV9 17 SJ 7:35
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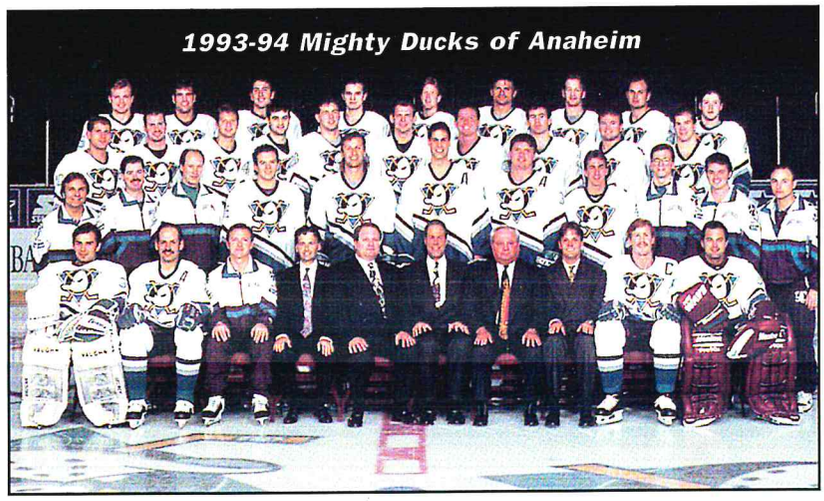
First Flight

Five years ago at this time, the inaugural Mighty Ducks team got off the ground

It's been five years since a cast of castoffs came together to form the inaugural Mighty Ducks.

After conducting training camp at the Arrowhead Pond, the Ducks launched their first season by hosting the Detroit Red Wings on Oct. 8, 1993. The Red Wings ruined the gala opening for the sellout crowd of 17,320 by beating the Ducks in resounding fashion, 7–2. Defenseman Sean Hill made history by scoring the first goal in Ducks history with Troy Loney adding one late in the game.


1993-94 Mighty Ducks of Anaheim

Despite the disappointing debut, the Mighty Ducks were undaunted.

Playing a tight-checking defensive system, Anaheim set an NHL record for a first-year team by winning 33 games (a mark that was tied by Florida that same season).

The Ducks finished with 71 points, fourth in the Pacific Division and that was more than enough to get the good people of Orange County excited about hockey. The Ducks sold out 27 games at the gleaming new Pond and averaged 16,989 (98 percent capacity) fans per home game.

Individually, Terry Yake scored the club's first hat trick on Oct. 19 in a 4–2 win over the Rangers at Madison Square Garden.

Yake would go on to lead the team in scoring with 52 points. Bob Corkum's 23 goals topped the club and Guy Hebert — the lone remaining holdover from that first season — emerged as a legitimate NHL goaltender by posting 20 wins and a goals against average of 2.83. MD

— *Doug Ward*

Maine Man

In the Fall of 1993, while the Mighty Ducks were taking to the ice for the first time, Paul Kariya was beginning his sophomore year at the University of Maine.

As a freshman, the North Vancouver product led the Black Bears to the NCAA Championship while winning the Hobey Baker Award as college hockey's top player.

In 1993, Kariya would play in 12 games for Maine, scoring eight goals and 24 points before leaving in mid-season to join the Canadian Olympic team.

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